

# EDDY OUT

# OCTOBER 2016



CHOTA CANOE CLUB IS A RECREATIONAL PADDLING CLUB BASED OUT OF EAST TENNESSEE. CHOTA WELCOMES ALL PADDLERS, WHITEWATER AND TOURING CANOES, KAYAKS, AND STAND UP BOARDS. WE PROVIDE TRIPS AND TRAINING FOR PADDLERS, PROMOTE SAFE BOATING PRACTICES AND SUPPORT CONSERVATION IN EAST TENNESSEE.

## Welcome!

Chota has dedicated officers and enthusiastic committee chairs. The only thing missing is YOU! We are a volunteer organization and welcome your help. Please share your time and talents.

### 2016-2017 Chota

#### Officers:

President: Stuart Mckee

Vice President: Storm Shula

Treasurer: Tom Snyder

Secretary: Sandy Snyder

Past President: Angela Wood

### 2016-2017 Chota Committee

#### Chairs:

Paddle School: Jason Dunaway

Safety: LaDawn Wolfe

Conservation: Karen O'Hara

Touring Coordinator: Jim Martin

Whitewater Coordinator: Gunny Wisner

Web Page: Steve Barbian

Newsletter: Cheryl Nydam

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## A FEW WORDS FROM ANGELA...

Dear Chota Members,

Fall is here and it's time for cooler weather, the leaves to fall off the trees and the water to return to our beloved creeks. It's also time for new officers.

It's hard to believe that two years have passed with me as your president. Over the years I have made many friends through various club activities. I am grateful for all those who have taught me to kayak along the way as well as those who have helped teach me to lead. I am especially thankful for all the officers and members who have helped me accomplish so much.

I am truly excited about the group of leaders that we have this year. I think this is the first election that I have participated in where we did not have a position go unfilled or have to beg and plead to get volunteers. We have some experienced officers who can help keep things moving but also a large group of new officers and new boaters. I expect them to do great things. In fact, we have already had our first meeting and things are underway.

Now that Stuart has taken over as president I can officially get back to what I enjoy best-introducing new people to kayaking. You might even see me out and about on a SUP. See you on the river!

Angela Wood

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**MANY THANKS TO  
ANGELA AND LAST  
YEAR'S EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE FOR  
THEIR HARD WORK!**

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# MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT... STUART MCKEE

Hello, Chota Paddlers-

I would like to introduce myself. I am **Stuart Mckee** and I will be Chota's President for 2017. I have been an active Chota member for about two years now, paddling whitewater. I was introduced to Chota through Aaron Hiscock when I unknowingly signed up for a rolling class he was teaching. Not knowing anyone in the whitewater world I asked him, "How do I find people to paddle with?" His answer was "Check out the club!" and so I did. Two years later and I've found my home.

Since joining the club, I have learned a lot about paddling as well as myself. I hope to continue this journey for as long as possible. This past summer I took the time to "pay it forward" to new whitewater paddlers in Chota, and all I can say is how awesome it was! I paddled with new people, made new friends and was able to give back to the club that has given me so much already.

I hope to continue giving back to the club by being your President this year. We have a strong group of officers and committee members dedicated to making 2017 a great year for the club AND WE WANT YOUR HELP! I look forward to meeting more Chota members and hearing your ideas.

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## 2017 BUDGET FOR YOUR REVIEW...

The following budget for 2016-17 was prepared by Tom Snyder, treasurer, and approved for the club by the Executive Committee. It reflects how the Club will carry out the Club's three purposes in 2016-17:

provide trips and training for paddlers  
promote safe boating practices  
support conservation in east Tennessee

### Chota Budget 2017

**Annual Revenue Budget**

First TN account	\$13007.00
Paypal account	\$ 291.00
Rolling	\$ 1500.00
Yearly Memberships	\$ 4000.00
Silent Auction	\$ 900.00
Live Auction	\$ 1800.00
Rev 3 triathlon	\$ 500.00
Student Revenue(less dues)	\$ 5000.00
Tshirt sales	\$ 600.00
Boat raffle	\$ 2000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$29598.00</b>

**Annual Expenses Budget**

Paddle School	\$5160.00
Parties/Events	\$2000.00
Administration	\$2375.00
Safety	\$1150.00
Conservation	\$4000.00
Rolling (UT Invoice)	\$1200.00
Education/Scholarships	\$1500.00
Newsletter	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17885.00</b>
<b>ANNUAL NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>\$11713.00</b>

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Club Meeting and Social**  
**November 10 6:30 pm**

Bearden Beer Market  
 4524 Old Kingston Pike

An opportunity to see what your fellow paddlers look like with dry hair! Learn what's going on with the club, meet your new officers and hang out with your Chota pals.



**The Annual "After the Holidays**  
**Holiday Party"**

**January 12 6:30pm**

The Casual Pint  
 10677 Hardin Valley Rd.

Pot luck meal with Chota providing a main meat dish.

Play the ever popular BAD SANTA game!

(\$15 gift limit)



## CONSERVATION CORNER WITH KAREN O'HARA

Greetings! My name is Karen O'Hara and I am the appointed Conservation Chair for this year. I am a touring kayaker and an active member of the American Canoe Association. Four years ago I became an ACA certified L1 instructor and recently completed the recertification update.

We have an exciting possible opportunity I wanted to bring to your attention, regarding helping to create a new Tellico water trail that would benefit all of us- whitewater, tourers, and recreational paddlers alike! The people of Tellico Plains are trying to create a new launch site that would go from Tellico Plains to Big Creek. The best part is we have a willing land owner who will allow access. For this to come to fruition, they need our help with land clearing and ramp construction. The property owner owns a market on the property and is anxious to get the site prepped and hopefully ready to use by spring. We are working on setting up meetings with the owner to see exactly what needs to be done and will provide specifics as they become available.

Whitewater and touring paddlers can unite in support of our much loved river, and show our neighbors in Tellico Plains what being a Tennessee Volunteer is all about!

Stay tuned for updates on how you can help!

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**Be sure to like Chota's Facebook page for upcoming events and activities, trip reports, gear for sale and much more!**



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