

RAPIDS

2012 ANNUAL BANQUET/FUNDRAISER

The WWA's Annual Fundraiser Banquet is fast approaching. The date set is Feb 4, 2011 at the Idaho Center. We encourage all members to register early for this event and set this date aside on your calendars. As members we pay dues that provide us with a Champagne toast on the New Year's Day Run, a great pot luck on the Chili Run, a great BBQ on the Glenn's Ferry Run, a day full of boat education for proper operation of our boats ON Skill's Dau, a steak dinner at the Confluence

Run and another pot luck at the Hammer Creek fishing derby. Not to mention a



newsletter, legislative and political awareness, and a good sense of camaraderie and white-water education. We get a lot of benefits for what we are asked to pay in dues to the club. These dues are spent on each member by roughly mid-year. Needless to say we

get our monies worth out of what we put in pretty easily.

There is a Banquet registration form in this month's Rapids. It gives opportunity for those who pre-register prior to January 9 to be included in the Early Bird drawing to be held at the General Membership meeting. There will be three chances to win the "Early Bird Drawing" to be held at the January 9, 2012 meeting:

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New Meeting Site

The WWA General Membership Meetings will be moved to: Canyon Creek Restaurant & Lounge, 1411 Shilo Dr. Nampa, Idaho (208) 467-4939
I-84 Exit 36

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some Random Thoughts For 2012

As this year winds to a close, I tend to think of family and friends getting together to dine, to visit, and to play. Along with that, it is a time to reflect on the past years activities and goals and plan for the next year.

The dining is usually a Christmas meal with family or with some co-workers and clients at a work related dinner. I feel fortunate in my life that both of

those events include welcomed guests that are the kind of people you want to be around.

The visiting is usually during a meal or hopefully on the boat while waiting for that steelhead

As I look to the past year, I was fortunate to see the Salmon River above Vinegar Creek

rod to bend in that always exciting bow. Some of the visiting is with friends and neighbors at their house while sharing some of my daughter's fresh baked cookies or Holiday candies. Another favorite visiting location is on the

frozen pond where nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles ice skate and sled the winter evening away all the while not straying too far from the warming bonfire.

The playing goes hand in hand with visiting on the frozen pond, at the card table where I re-learn how to play Pinochle or other board games with relatives, or on the water.

Most of all, this time of year is a time that work almost takes a second-hand spot in life

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and the things that matter most move to the forefront. Personally, at this time of year, I have a deeper appreciation for those men and women that stand at the guard in uniforms to defend this great nation, and to do so without family close by during the holidays.

As I look to the past year, I was fortunate to see the Salmon River for the first time above Vinegar Creek and stop in at Mackey Bar thanks to boat captains Richard Powell and Gary Hays. I learned a few water tips from Tee



Fisher and others at the Skills Day event. I was fortunate one day in November to catch a limit of steelhead. Although I have caught several steelhead, I have never limited out in one day before.

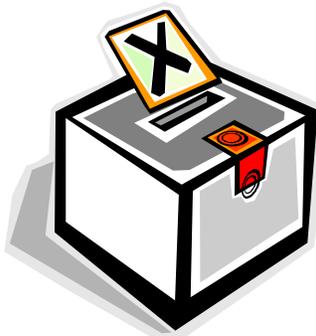
This year I lost a brother-in-law to an accident and have come to appreciate those times spent together even more because the memories are all that linger on for now. As we all look toward the New Year, my wish for all is that those you hold near and dear are frequently in your life and your activities. I wish

good judgment to those that lead this great nation and I wish God's protection to those who defend this same great nation. I hope we all get to spend as much time on the water as possible and spend that time with good friends and family. May your pumps never cavitate, your welds always hold, and your seams never leak in the year of 2012. See you on the river right after I see you at the Banquet, the Salmon River Run, Skills Day, the Payette.....

Jed Myers, President Elect
WWA

Election Results

Elections were held at the December General Membership meeting. The results are: President Elect will be Clyde Schrader, Vice President Darwin Ames and Secretary/Treasurer Anita Shore. The four openings for Directors will



be filled with Bill Davis, Tee Fisher and Keith DeMond in the two year positions. John Peabody will be finishing the one year vacancy left open by the resignation of Ron Balderston.

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank all of the people willing to run. For your support of our great Organization. Without your help we would not be able to continue to grow.

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3rd Place will win 25 extra raffle tickets, 2nd place will win 50 extra raffle tickets and 1st place will get their registration money refunded (a \$125 value).

The way we can contribute to keeping our activities and access to the waters that we love is by donating items for the banquet or by buying items at our fund-

raiser auction held during the banquet. Every year many generous businesses donate to the WWA goods and services to be auctioned off. We greatly appreciate all that has been sent our way and we ask for your continued help. We, also, encourage our membership to support those donating items. The fourth quarter is closing fast for those last minute ex-

Penses. Or the beginning of the year can be a good time to donate to a great cause. Either way every little bit helps. Please contact me at ashore2shore@shorenshoreaviation.com if you have a donation or would like to help..



Nothing better.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (fill in both sections for Banquet registration)

Please fill in membership information completely to update our records!

Family Membership \$35 (includes 2 votes) Single Membership \$25 (includes 1 vote)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Do you want your email address included in Club Alert Emails? Yes _____ No _____

(Club Alert Emails are time-sensitive notifications of meetings or events of concern to WWA members)

Do you want to receive the Newsletter (Rapids) by Email? Yes _____ No _____

(This option substantially reduces printing and postage expenses.)

2012 WWA Banquet Registration
February 4, 2012 4:00 p.m./Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Idaho Center, Nampa, ID

Note: Registration Packets will be available at the door. Extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Meal Preference: (please indicate number of each)

_____ Marinated Tri Tip Steak

_____ Montuel Salmon with bay shrimp mornay sauce, garlic and scallops

Menu will also include:

Mandarin Orange Salad, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Winter Vegetables / Gorgonzola Mashed Potatoes/

Ultimate Brownies & Pumpkin Pie. Coffee, Decaf and Water / No Host Bar will be available

Table with 4 columns: #, Package, *Prior to 1/27/12, and At the Door**. Rows include WWA Single Membership, WWA Family Membership, Individual Meal Only, Dinner for Two, Children's Dinner, Family Membership, Single Membership, etc.

*All registrations received by 1/9/12 will be entered in a drawing for 50 extra raffle tickets

** Due to extra expense incurred by WWA from the caterer, all meals purchased after 1/27/12 will be at the Door price, no exceptions. This also insures that we will have sufficient food to feed everyone who has purchased meals.

Western Whitewater Association



2012 Banquet and Jetboat Expo

Saturday, February 4, 2012

At the Idaho Center in Nampa

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

No-host bar opens at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

**Banquet
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Children (Ages 2-14) = \$15.00

Banquet Family Package:

Dinner for Two, 2012 WWA Membership
and 30 raffle tickets= **\$125.00**

Adult Dinner Only (each) = \$30.00

Banquet Individual Package:

Dinner for One, 2012 WWA Membership
and 15 raffle tickets= **\$70.00**

New Members and Boating Enthusiasts Welcome

Learn More and Pre-Register at

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or call

Anita Shore (208) 454-1669

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A Day on the River

It occurs to me that those around the sport of Jet boat running are divided into three separate but not exclusive categories. First, there are those who enjoy the thrill and challenge of navigating a river rapid avoiding the pitfalls such as rocks and rollers that push a boat around where you don't want to be. Second, there are those that use a jet boat to get out of the way spots to fish or camp on reservoirs or flat water rivers. Third, there are those who ride or captain a jet boat to fish for steelhead.

This is a story about the last category of jet boat enthusiast. Several years ago I took my wife steelhead fishing on board the Hells Canyon Adventures fishing charter boat along with some friends and the good folks who run that outfit. It was a pristine day in November and we were fortunate to hook 30 plus fish and boat around twenty of those fish. Fortunately, and

as usually happens, my wife out fished me and limited out that day as did a couple of other fishermen and women on the boat. Also, fortunately, all fishermen on board that day caught at least one steelhead during the day. I have never repeated that type of a day since but I will keep trying.

Needless to say, my wife has been hooked on steelhead fishing since that day. About a year later, she bought our first and so far only jet boat while I was out of town and unavailable to consult by phone. When I returned home late that night there was a new toy in our driveway with a red Christmas bow on the side of the boat. It was, and is, just the type and style jet boat that I had in mind. I thought at the time and still do today that I should keep her around...and the wife too. That has been five years ago and since then, there have been many water adventures to enjoy and stories produced to enjoy over and over again.

A new story happened just last week for me. I was fortunate to spend two days steelhead fishing with friends and customers on the Hells Canyon Adventures fishing charter. Some of the fishermen were repeat visitors to Hells Canyon and some were newbies. Monday was a picture perfect day around 50 degrees and no wind. I never did put on a coat until late that night. A good friend and retired Air Force Officer, limited out with one native caught and released before the last keeper. He had four fish on through the day and landed all of them.

Tuesday was cold and breezy but the crew was not deterred. We did not have as

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many steelhead hooked that day but we did land more than the previous day. Yours truly actually limited out just after lunch and promptly became the bait boy for the wife. She had yet to land a fish in nearly two days. She did get one landed that afternoon and had one more on that was the victim of a double hook up. On the double, we landed one and hers got away before we could clear the net and land hers.

At dinner that night we were all able to rehash the fishing, the canyon experience, and the good times had by all. I don't know how many years I have taken friends, family, and clients on this charter or in my boat but it would be interesting to know how many newbies have been introduced to the canyon on one of these trips over the years. For me Hells Canyon is a unique place from its history, to its resources, and to its recreational opportunities. It is a place I appreciate

having accessible and relatively nearby. I have seen the canyon from the top road on the Oregon side from Hatpoint Lookout all the way to Lord's Flat, from the air, and from the water on board a jetboat. My favorite view of the canyon is from the water during steelhead season.

All of the fishermen and fisherwomen on board for the two days thank Mark and Art of Hells Canyon Adventures for making this outing and, for me those of past years, extra unique for all on their boat. I look forward to the next visit to the canyon and hope all of you do as well. I am especially thankful that the wife caught a steelhead on Tuesday so the ride home was not as quiet as it could have been. That was the first time ever I have caught more steelhead than she did but I didn't remind her of that not now, not ever. Good luck fishing!

Jed Myers

W.W.A. OPPOSES FEES TO ACCESS PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

****PUTS THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS****

WWA general membership approved a donation to the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition (WSNFC) at the regular membership meeting December 12, 2011. The donation will assist the WSNFC with expenses related to a conference and various meetings with Congressional staff in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Kitty Benzar, President of the WSNFC, is traveling next month to D.C. to first, attend a meeting of the American Recreation Coalition...architects of fees to access our public lands and waters. Kitty will be the only voice invited to represent people who are in opposition to user fees.

Following the conference Kitty's week long stay includes numerous meetings with Congressional staff people to rally support for either amendments or repeal of the Federal law. In addition to many other meetings Kitty has arranged to meet with the staff of Idaho Senators Crapo and Risch (Co-Sponsors of a bill to repeal fees) and Representatives Labrador and Simpson.

Thought you would be interested in the response we received from Mrs. Benzar upon receiving the WWA donation:

"I got the Western Whitewater donation yesterday and am still trying to catch my breath. Such generosity is - well I can't think of an adequate word. It will cover my entire trip to DC, and allow me to stay at the fancy-schmancy resort where the conference is being held instead of a less expensive place in town. That will give me a lot more opportunities to interface with conference attendees, perhaps change a few hearts and minds. I don't know how to begin to thank you all. I will do my best to live up to expectations and I promise the funding will be used productively.

Thank you Western Whitewater.

Kitty"

Safety Boats Needed Spring of 2012

The World Jet Boat Race Marathon will be held in Idaho April 13 - 22, 2012. This race will cover approximately 500 miles of river in 9 days. The races will start on the St. Joe River above St. Maries, move to Lewiston to race on the Snake River, then on to Orofino for the Clearwater and then to Riggins for the final legs of this race. Additional racing information can be observed by going to jetboatracing.com and sorting through associated links.

Typically, WWA has provided safety boat support to the Salmon River Jetboat Races and this year we will be teaming up with Northwest River Runners out of Lewiston to provide safety boats throughout the racing week in April. It is estimated that twenty safety boats will be needed each day of racing.

As you can tell this will involve some interesting logistics with some of the race boats coming out of New Zealand, (they have to get them shipped to the USA, if they have not already). Additionally, lodging and support services for the nomadic race crews and support personnel need to be planned for, so advance preparation is advised.

These races have created quite a bit of interest and it is estimated that there will be upward of thirty race boats entering this competition.

Last year we got a chance to watch one turbine powered boat negotiate the Salmon River course and it is believed that there will be several of them entered into the World's. If you have not observed one of these in action, they are impressive with top speeds well into the 125+ mph range. Many of the other boats are routinely in the 100 mph category on the flat water sections. So there should be plenty of action when you throw in a few rapids to challenge the crews' abilities.

Please join me in the volunteer effort to support this, "only one in the world event," here in Idaho. If you are interested in participating as a safety boat please contact Bob Hays at 208-880-3522



New Editor to Rapids

This photo was taken on the New Year's Day Run, 2012,. There will be a story in the next issue.

As the new Editor to the Rapids, I wanted to let everyone know, that any time you have a story, picture or whatever, just email it to me ashore2shore@shorenshareaviation.com. - Anita Shore

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Internet Addresses

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Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

<http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm>

Riverflow Information:

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl: 509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only) 208-388-2255

Calendar of Events

January 9, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID

February 4, 2012: Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser, Idaho Center, Nampa, ID

February 13, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID

February 26, 2012: Chili Run, Walters Ferry, South of Nampa ID