



RAPIDS

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION



DECEMBER 2016

2017 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

The WWA's Annual Fundraiser Banquette is fast approaching. The date set is February 4, 2017 at the Expo Idaho Building. 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 Years Day run and hamburgers/hot dogs in the parking lot later, a great pot luck on the chili run, a great BBQ on the Glenns Ferry run, a day full of boat education for proper operation of our boats, a steak dinner at the confluence run, another pot luck at the Hammer Creek fishing day and a fun filled Banquet. Not to mention a newsletter, legislative and political awareness, and a good sense of camaraderie

and whitewater 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. The banquet is a great event and pre-registration could be given for a Christmas present or an

end of year expenditure.

One 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 fundraiser 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. The fourth quarter is closing fast for those last minute expenses, 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 Mick Cowger 208-697-3636, or Anita Shore 208-454-1669. if you have a donation or would like to help, or simply need more information.

2017 New Year's Day Run

Plan on arriving at Walters Ferry boat ramp at around 9:30 a.m. Groups will head up river around 10:00 a.m. For those not familiar with this event, it is held each year on New Year's Day on the Snake River in southwestern Idaho. The run is from **Walters Ferry** up river through the infamous "Graveyard" stretch of the Snake to

Swan Falls Dam. Upon reaching their destination, the participants engage in the traditional "Toast to the River Gods". There will be non-alcohol drinks for those wishing something besides champagne.

This run is not difficult, but there are several sections of the river that are very technical. If

you are a new member or are uncertain of **the route**, it is highly recommended that you run up with the main group or follow some one who knows the way.

We plan to have hamburgers/hot dogs in the parking lot after the run.

There will be a pre-run December 31, 2016 same time and place.

Points of Interest

- *New Year's day run is our next run!*
- **ELECTIONS**
- *Mark Feb. 4, 2017 on your calendar for Banquet*
- *Boat registrations are due 1/1/2017*
- *Membership dues are due 01/01/2017*



MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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Questions regarding the New Year's Day Run should be sent to Shay White whitesr@eou.edu or 208-412-





President's Message

First of all, thank you all for a great year! I have truly enjoyed being the president of the Western Whitewater Association. I believe that we have the best club in our state, because of the fantastic members that always step up and help everyone. My brother and I grew up in this club, because Mom and Dad were members and I am proud to continue the tradition of our family. I would like to apologize for not having a President's message last month. Family always comes first for me and my grandmother recently passed away and we were all busy with the arrangements.

Grady and I had quite an adventure in October. We went to New Zealand for 2 ½ weeks. New Zealand is absolutely the most amazing place. We toured Hamilton Jet and SSS Engineering. We rubbed elbows with some of the most knowledgeable boat drivers in the world. The water is similar

to ours but more gravel bars than big rocks. We were given a lot of new ideas that could be adapted here. All and all it was a trip of a lifetime.

This will be my last President's message and I would like to express my appreciation to the board members for an excellent year. I would also like to thank my "inner circle" of advisors: Rick White, Bill Davis, Chuck Coble, Roger and Cathy Brown, Marlin Roberts, Bob and Gary Hays, and John Bryant. I cannot tell you how many great suggestions these folks have given me and they are always willing to be a sounding board for my many questions. I would especially like to thank Sandra Mitchell for helping me navigate the political process and its many functions.

I have truly enjoyed all of the runs this year and appreciate all of the run chairs for doing a great job. The entire year has been a great learning experience for me, everything from the banquet to the Confluence run has shown me how great our club is.

I have learned how important it is for all of us to be involved and not let any part of the river corridors be changed.

I want to encourage everyone to get involved with the club. Being a board member is a great experience. We need people to run for the board positions. We need someone to be our Vice President. I know that it seems like an intimidating job, but there is a huge group of people that help put on the banquet every year. The VP is not standing alone to do this job. If you have any questions or concerns let me know.

Last but not least I would like to thank Rick White for letting me come back to work after he fires me the night before.

Respectfully,

Shay White
President

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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 ____

2017 WWA Banquet Registration
February 4, 2017 4:00 p.m./Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Idaho Expo Building Garden City, 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. No host bar opens at 4:30 p.m.

Subject to change!!!!

The meal will be catered by Goodwood BBQ.

Three different meat choices, Cesar salad, baked beans, garlic potatoes, rolls, coffee and light beverages will be served.

No Host Bar will be available starting at 4:30 p.m.

#	Package	Prior to 01/30/17 *	At the Door**
_____	WWA Single Membership,	\$ 75	\$ 90
_____	One Meal, 15 Raffle Tickets		
_____	WWA Family Membership,	\$ 135	\$ 150
_____	Two Meals, 30 Raffle Tickets		
_____	Individual Meal Only	\$ \$5	\$ 40
_____	Dinner for Two	\$ 70	\$ 80
_____	Children's Dinner	\$ 15	\$ 15
_____	(age 10 & under)		
_____	Family Membership	\$ 65	\$ 75
_____	No meals/ 30 Raffle Tickets		
_____	Single Membership	\$ 40	\$ 45
_____	No meal / 15 Raffle Tickets		
_____	Sponsor Table	\$ 300.	

Tables will not be reserved this year unless a sponsor table has been purchased.

***All registrations received by 1/09/11 will be entered in a drawing for 50 extra raffle tickets. Drawing to be held at general membership meeting**

**** Due to extra expense incurred by WWA from the caterer, all meals purchased after 01/30/17 will be at the Door price, NO EXCEPTIONS. This also insures that we will have sufficient food to feed everyone who has purchased meals.**

IF YOU MADE RESERVATIONS through PAYPAL, please bring your receipt.



2017 ELECTION

Elections will be held at the December General Membership meeting. The nominees so far are as follows: Dave Dickerson, Clyde Durham, Jeff Higgins, Dave Horton, Randy Clagg, Chet Thorsen and Neil Troxel. All of these are for three board positions. Thank you guys for volunteering your time.

Anita shore is running for secretary. No one has volunteered to run for Vice President. This is an important office, not just for the banquet's sake; but the Vice President will be President in three years. I know the banquet chair position is a challenge. But this challenge is not faced alone. Every year we have a full banquet committee who work together to make it less burdensome for the Vice President. So would someone please volunteer????

We are also looking for nominations for Jet Boater of the Year and Silver Rock

**We make a living by
what we get; we
make a life by what
we give.**



BE AN ANGEL!

Volunteer!

Award. Theses need to be a written nomination. We will vote on this at the December meeting.

Appreciate each and everyone of you,

Anita Shore

Secretary/Treasurer

DESSERT AUCTION

At the 2017 Banquet

This year we are trying a new idea. We are going to have a dessert auction. We know there are many really great cooks in our club.



What we need are several volunteers to bake their best dessert and bring to the banquet. We need to have at least 30+ desserts and we will do a silent auction or pay and take. We will have lots more information in the next newsletter if you would like to participate.

Jayne M. White, Wizardess

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BOAT REGISTRATION

Expires 12/31/16

It's that time of year again. All boat registrations expired December 31, 2016. If you plan to go on the New Year's day be sure you have a 2017 registration sticker.

The US Coast Guard has mandated that as of January 1, 2017, before taking any action relating to a vessel imported or manufactured on or after November 1, 1972, the issuing authority must determine whether the vessel has a primary HIN meeting certain requirements.

It is my understanding from talking to Tammy at Parks & Rec, that they hope to have the registration cards out by the 15th of December, however some of us will be getting a letter explaining what we will need to do to register. I think that is if your boat does not have a hull identification number (HIN). Similar to a VIN on a vehicle the HIN is the number stamped on your boat by the manufacturer. If you want to learn more about this visit parks and recreation web page: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/changes-registration-process-boats>

All registered boats are required to pay an additional \$10 which is deposited into the Idaho Invasive Species Fund.

New boats can be numbered and registered by visiting a local boat registration vendor, a county assessor's or motor vehicle office or the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR). For information call IDPR at 208-334-4197.

To renew your registration online, or to locate the boat registration vendor location nearest you, visit www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.

WWA DUES ARE DUE

January 1, 2017 all member dues expire. Please renew your membership. Numbers count. Even if you don't attend the events, your membership helps. To get the best benefit for your due money, plan to attend some of the runs or meetings. There is a member form at the top of the banquet's registration on page 3 for those not plan-



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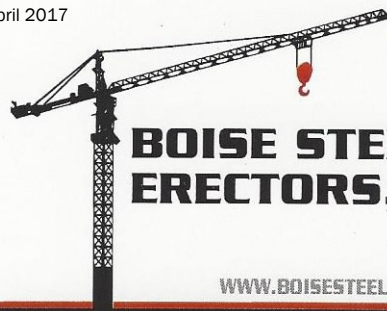
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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 12, 2016 General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

DECEMBER 12, 2016 Election of Board of Directors—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

JAN 1, 2017 New Years Day Run Walter's Ferry

FEB 26, 2017 Chili Run Walter's Ferry

MAR , 2017 Glenns Ferry Run (date to be announced)

APRIL 2017 Salmon River Run (date to be announced)

May , 2017 Weed Run (date to be announced)

May , 2017 Payette River Run (date to be announced)

JUNE , 2017 Skills Day

SEPT , 2017 Confluence Run (date to be announced)

OCT 29, 2017 Hammer Creek Run

All dates are subject to change. In the event of a change, we will notify ASAP.

General Meetings are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa ID

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Internet Addresses

Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm= (enter it once and bookmark it!)

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: General information: 509-758-0616

Reservations must be made online.

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

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