

FEBRUARY 2017

2017 Banquet & Fundraiser

The 2017 WWA banquet and auction was held Saturday, February 4th at the Expo Building at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds. I think it was a very successful evening.

I want to thank all of the banquet committee for their countless hours of getting donations, arranging for food and tables, talking with vendors and the many hours dedicated to set-up. I would like to mention each of you, but would feel bad if I accidentally left someone out.

Our chairman, Mick Cowger, had to juggle a very busy work schedule and committee meetings. Thank you Mick for all your hard work. I especially want to thank Bill and Anne Dutton, for their hard work and commitment, filling in when Mick wasn't able to be their.. Another huge thank you to all of the club members that have donated items or ask for donations from other individuals and businesses. I am truly grateful for the many donors that have been long

time supporters of the Western Whitewater Association, without their support we would not be the strong and successful group that we are. A list of donor can be found on page 3. Please support them at any opportunity.

Every year there are people who contribute time and material and for one reason or other never get recognized. A big thank you to Hendon Welding in Payette, who for the last three years have provided the material and labor work to create the beautiful Boat Cut Outs. Gary and Judy Sparks, our auctioneer and his wife/clerk have donated their time for many years. I know there are countless others who work behind the scenes to make this a success and am sorry if I left out anyone.

Thank you to Goodwood Barbeque for the good food.

This year we did something new. We had a dessert auction. There were some very creative beautiful desserts and some people will-

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The Ladies Truffle Table, one of the most fun games.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new year found many club members very busy getting the banquet ready. Many have been dreaming of getting their boats out, literally! I know of many boats that are buried behind a snow bank. Mine included. Never fear spring is near!

The banquet was well attended and was a huge success once again, in part, due to the diligence of the banquet committee. The banquet served its purpose once again to bring our families together and provide the necessary funding to promote our shared interests of conservation, education and fair use. Sandra Mitchell was in attendance and spoke to the group about current issues that are being addressed. Her speech was a reminder of why we belong to this association and the importance of staying informed about the issues that affect recreation in Idaho.

Jet Boater of the Year was presented to a well deserving couple. Jim and Brandi Moore were presented with this honor due to their deep involvement in the club. The Moore's are involved with all facets of the association. These two serve on the banquet committee, do whatever is needed at a run and generally epitomize what it means to be an active member. Congratulations, on a well-deserved honor.

The Silver Rock award was received by Dave Dickerson. He had the unfortunate coming together with the bottom on the New Year's Run. Believe it or

not, he was the only member this year to have such an incident on a club run. This is a testament to the safety aspect of the club runs. Good job, everyone.

Shay White, the 2016 president, was honored with a custom chartreus steelhead rod from North Fork Custom Rods. This rod was given in the spirit of appreciation from the WWA for his past and continued commitment to the organization.

I personally want to thank the donors and exhibitors of this event. It cannot be said enough about how important it is to patronize them, as they are committed to fundamental principles of this association. It is their continued support, as well as yours, that replenishes the funds that are necessary to safeguard our access to the rivers we love.

Thinking to the future and upcoming events, there are a couple of events that you might want to put on your calendar. The Chili Run is to be held in late February. This is a fun family event that everyone enjoys. Historically, the WWA has been involved in the safety boats for the Riggins jet boat races. Once again this year, the race organizers will be calling upon our help to ensure the wellbeing of the racers in mid-April. If you are interested in participating in this event, please let me know.

The last meeting was attended by some new

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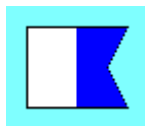
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and returning members. Ron and Linda Rawlings and their daughter and son in law Corrie and Clint Stone along with their five children have joined the membership. They are interested in hunting, fishing and camping. The Rawlings and the Stones have come to the club to learn river safety, participate where they can and for the social aspect. Look for them in a Weldcraft and Custom Weld and give them a howdy to make them feel welcome.

I will close with yet another thank you to the membership, donors and exhibitors for supporting the association. Without this support, access to the places we love and enjoy would be in jeopardy.

See you on the river,

Bill Dutton
WWA President



CHILI RUN

The Chili Run is scheduled for February 26 this year.. Plan to leave the Walter's Ferry ramp at 10:00 a.m. and goes up river to Rattlesnake Eddy just below Swan Falls Dam. You don't have to bring a pot of chili, but it's always nice to try different culinary skills. There will be chili, and side dishes. The club furnishes the bowls, spoons and napkins. Plan to dress for the weather. And to have a good time. It is always a great day on the river. Let us know if you have any questions..

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ing to pay for these desserts.

This year's Silver Rock Award went to Dave Dickerson, who hit a rock on the New Year's Day run, just so he would be first this year.

The Jet Boater of the Year award went to Jim and Brandi Moore. The Moores have been dedicated workers for the WWA since they joined several years ago.

For those of you who missed this evenings' event, you missed a good time. Hope you can make it next year.

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LETTER TO CLUB From Gary Sparks

As I reflect back on Saturday evenings WWA banquet it seems to me that the prices were higher and certainly the auctioneering was easier than in past banquets. People seemed more willing to give and support the cause.

There were lots of new faces and that is fantastic. New blood is what all clubs need to prosper and more importantly to keep public access to public lands. That subject brings up the words we heard from Sandra Mitchell. Wow - spot on!! It brings back the memory of why Judy and I joined the WWA back in 1988. Although we have heard Sandra speak several times, most of the folks in attendance probably have not. And I believe her words were as inspiring to them as there were to me.

So I just wanted to say to the board members, keep up the good work and bring back Sandra Mitchell more often. She makes people want to stand up for what is right.

With regards to what would make the banquet bet-

ter. Well Judy and I noticed some very young children in attendance. We think a children's drawing would be in order and make sure every kid gets a prize because they are future jet boaters and the future of the club.

A huge thank you for supporting Our Land Our Voice as well. We, all together, stopped the national monument nonsense for the time being.

Sincerely,

Gary Sparks



SILVER ROCK AWARD DAVID DICKERSON



The fishing pole in front of these two pictures was on the live auction. Has nothing to do with the awards.

JET BOATER OF THE YEAR JIM AND BRANDI MOORE



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Calendar of Events

Feb 13, 2017 *General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

FEB 26, 2017 *Chili Run, Walter's Ferry*

MAR 19, 2017 *Glenns Ferry Run*

APRIL 15, 2017 *Salmon River Run*

May 7, 2017 *(tentative) Weed Rim*

May 2017 *(to be determined) Payette River Run*

May 14, 2016 *Skills Day*

SEPT 17, 2017 *Confluence Run*

OCT 28, 2017 *Hammer Creek Run*

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

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Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

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Addresses and Telephone Numbers

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