

November
2010

RAPIDS



HAMMER CREEK 2010

The annual Hammer Creek went off without any hitches!! There were 32 entries to the 2010 event. Three fish were brought into the weigh in.

The winners were - Tom Roach with a 29 1/2 inch keeper for first place. Rich Vaughn with a 24 inch keeper for second place and Tom Roach with a 22 1/2 inch keeper for third place.

The Dutch Oven dinner was well attend with 30 or so in attendance.

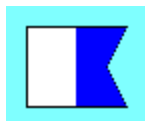
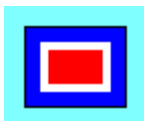
A special thanks goes out to Carl Norton for allowing us to have the dinner in his heated shop. This allowed us to be able to see what we were eating this year.

Thanks to everyone that attended.

Tom Roach Chair.

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President's Message

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There has been a lot of WWA activity in the last two months. September was the annual Confluence Event featuring our regular fall steak barbecue, complete with corn-on-the-cob, all the trimmings and great deserts. A new feature this year was a WWA hosted Sunday morning breakfast of pancakes, eggs and bacon.

October started off with the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. Amendments to our By-Laws were continued to an, as yet, unspecified date. This is a significant item of business for our Association and the Board decided they needed to have a special meeting devoted entirely to this single topic before making any changes. Committee Chairman, Bob Spencer, and members of his committee have made several recommendations for the Board to consider.

Another item of Board business was showing support for the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition seeking changes to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act. This Federal law mandates user fees for the

use and access to Federal lands and waters. An Act that has been grossly misapplied by various Federal Agencies. Legislative Committee Chairman, Bob Hays and several members later met with WWA legal counsel to discuss proposed changes currently being considered by Congress. Both U.S. Senators from Idaho co-sponsor legislation to change the law.

In mid-October about twenty WWA members participated in the annual Wounded Warriors Steelhead fishing in Hells Canyon. Disabled veterans and their care givers, family mem-

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2010 SOLDIERS of the SNAKE

October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th was the second year for Wounded Warriors / Soldiers of the Snake. This trip was organized last year by Dan Comingore of Madras, OR to honor some of our Military Veterans. There were 16 vets and caregivers attending with 5 boats.

This year it grew to 24 vets and 10 volunteers to assist in setup and cooking. All the food and soft drinks was donated by businesses and local folks of Madras. Members of the Western Whitewater Association, consisting of Todd Caldwell, Rob McGarvin, Jim McGarvin, Brian DeMond, Keith DeMond, and Joe Arriaga, donated their boats, fuel, and all the necessary fishing gear to show our vets a good time. We also had deck hands of Larry Dove, Scott Privett, Dale Bradburn, Bill Shipley, Connor DeMond, Bill Davis, Lloyd Taylor, Paul Kesner, and Dan Byington, along with Dan Comingore who was photographer and chase boat.

Thanks to Art and Barb Fuller for donating their beautiful place in Oxbow to house some of the vets and a place for the big tent and the barbeques. We had a wonderful chef from California who donated his time to cook the dinners for this wonderful event. Hell's Canyon Adventures furnished a tour boat to support and serve the lunch for everyone on Saturday at Battle Creek. This really worked out wonderful because of inclement weather we were able to eat on the boat. Many thanks to Mark Yates and the crew from Hell's Canyon Adventure.

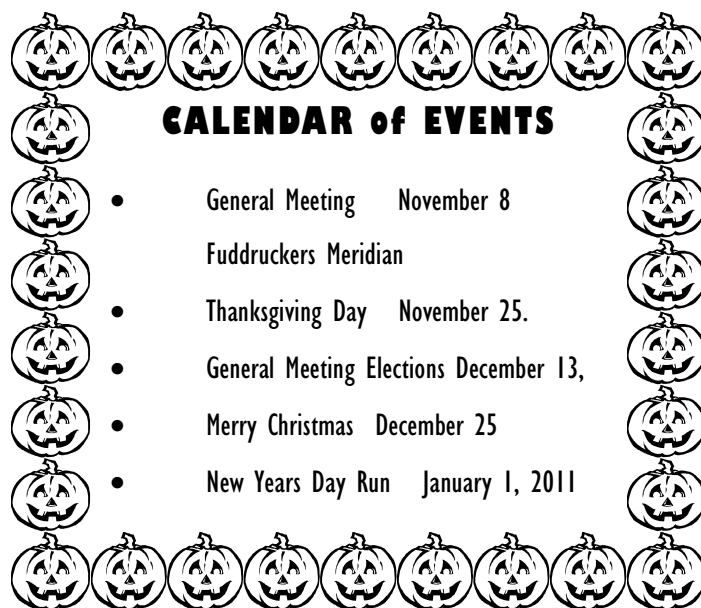
The fishing wasn't quite as good this year as last but the conversations and experiences related by the vets made the day. It made us all proud to be Americans and be able to give back a small portion for a group that gives so much.

A significant donation by Simplot Transportation and Land and Livestock was greatly appreciated.

A big thanks to Dan Comingore for inviting the WWA to assist him in this very worthwhile project.

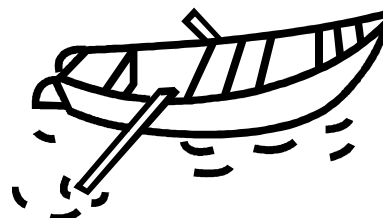
Brian DeMond

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- Abraham Lincoln





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bers of deceased veterans enjoyed a hosted three day fishing trip in Hells Canyon. This simply has to be the single most important event for our Association. Honoring the wounded warriors and their families, for all the sacrifices they have given to this great country, is a very small tribute on our part. THANKS EVERYONE!!!

The end of October found WWA members on the Salmon River participating in our annual Steelhead Derby. Chairman, Tom Roach deserves a special thank you for pulling off one of our best ever derby's and Dutch Oven dinners. Especially, considering the changes he was forced to make when the BLM announced, at the very last minute, they were severely restricting our use of the Hammer Creek Campground. The WWA had sent a special use request in June, four months before the derby. That request was never answered, either approving or denying the request. The BLM notified us just a few days before the event that they are now strictly enforcing regulations, they have ignored for the past twenty years and any violations would be met with severe consequences. In spite of this last minute disaster, it turned out to be one of the best I have ever attended.

November is nomination month for officers of the WWA. Six positions are open, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three positions for the Board of Directors. Chairperson of the Nominating Commit-

tee is Anita Shore. If you wish to be considered for one of these openings or want to nominate someone, please call Anita @ 208-454-1669 or you can call me @ 208-890-4587.

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Rich Vaughn



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*term expires Jan. 2011

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

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Elections for the Western Whitewater Association (WWA) will be held at the Regular December meeting, December 13., 2010. The meeting will take place as usual, at Fuddruckers, 3421 N Eagle Rd, Meridian Idaho. We will be electing a new Vice President (who will be the President in 2013), a Secretary, a Treasurer and three Board Members. Board members are elected for a two year term. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to run, please contact either Rich Vaughn, phone # 208-890-4587 or Anita Shore phone # 208-454-1669. Please plan to attend. Remember, your vote counts.



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- To develop a fraternal spirit among all recreational water users.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.
- To own or lease property for the Association users.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests.

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- I will always respect the rights of other water users.
- I will at all times give down-river traffic the right of way.
- I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out litter.
- I will get permission and have respect for private property.
- I will give aid to any boatman or water user when in danger.
- I will read the Code of Ethics of the Association and agree to abide by them as an active member and boatman.