

Western Whitewater Association Rapids

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HAMMER CREEK RUN 2018

There were 24 entries in the derby this year. First place went to Cory Chase and second went to Tom Roach. The weather was great. Twenty-seven people attended the Dutch oven potluck. The food was delicious. Thank you to all the attendees for their participation to make this yearly event possible and a special thank you to Carl Norton for allowing us the use his shop for the dinner. If you did not make it this year, you missed a good time had by all and look forward to 2019 event. If you need more information, contact Tom Roach. I wish we had some pictures hopefully someone will send them into Dave Dickerson for the Facebook page.

WWA Elections of Board and Officers

A committee from our present Board of Directors and Officers has been appointed to seek nominations for 3 board positions, a Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

We encourage all members to consider running for office. Our club is only as good as the volunteers who make it work.

The committee according to our by-laws is Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Thorsen, Board Members Dave Horton and Dave Dickerson will be calling and e-mailing. Please consider running for a position on the board.

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Silver Rock Award and Jet Boater of the Year

There are 2 awards given each year at the annual banquet. Both these awards must be nominated by a written letter to the President and Board of Directors. These letters may remain anonymous but will be read at the next regular meeting. On the ballot will be a place to write in your vote.

We have many people that go above and beyond by volunteering their time.

Hell Canyon Recreation Collaborative

There has been lots of questions regarding the HCRC and what is happening with this group. There was an article printed in the Lewiston Morning Tribune several weeks ago regarding the group and their activities. This particular article was shared throughout the state with both the Idaho Statesman and the Magic Valley newspapers. The title is “Volunteer group set to begin partnership to help maintain Hells Canyon”. Here are just a few of the excerpts from the article written by Eric Barker:

Volunteer group set to begin partnership to help maintain Hells Canyon

ERIC BARKER Lewiston Tribune October, 25, 2018

Volunteerism and collaboration appear to be replacing a U.S. Forest Service proposal to charge a recreation fee to enter the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

The 2016 proposal that would have required people to pay \$5 to \$10 each to enter Hells Canyon was ill received by the public and eventually dropped by the agency. Its stated purpose was to raise revenue to chip away at a reported maintenance backlog of more than \$1 million at boat ramps, campgrounds and historic sites.

Most of the people who attended public meetings about the proposal were adamantly opposed, saying the agency should rely more on volunteers and grants to reverse the backlog.

The Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative, endorsed by Idaho’s congressional delegation, began forming shortly after the proposal was dropped and will kick off its official volunteer partnership with the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest next week. The effort will put boots on the ground in November during a project to revamp the water system and bathrooms at Pittsburg Landing.

“This is our counterproposal to (the proposed fee increase) — forming this group of all users and trying to not to leave anybody out so we can have a say and get volunteerism going,” said Shay White, a jet boater from Meridian who is a member of the Western Whitewater Association and serves as co-chairman of the collaborative group.

During the second and third week of November, members of the collaborative and volunteers will work with a contractor to upgrade the potable water system at the Pittsburg Landing Campground and boat launch. The group will also paint bathrooms there and perform maintenance at the campsites.

The group applied for and received a nearly \$150,000 grant from Idaho Parks and Recreation to pay for the upgrades there.

Mark Yates of Hells Canyon Adventures represents commercial rafters in the collaborative and serves as the other co-chairman. Yates said people who frequently visit and love the canyon prefer the hands-on volunteer approach to paying a fee, which could have created more bureaucracy. “We think by going this route we can actually assist the Forest Service, and we can see what our money is doing. It doesn’t burden the taxpayers,” he said.

Mark Bingman, a deputy district ranger on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest said he welcomes the group and looks forward to working with its members. “It’s great to have a group that is willing and wanting to come along side us and wanting to get things done,” Bingman said. “To me it’s really good to have partners on the ground that want to help me. It’s really their national forest, so the more involved they want to be the more we are going to welcome them helping us out.”

The group is made up of commercial and private rafters and jet boaters, backcountry pilots, hikers, horse packers and outfitters. Kelli Rosellini, a hired coordinator for the group, said “Our aim is really singular, instead of a broad forum that is more politically based, we are on the ground and actively seeking to improve recreation amenities in the canyon. Our focus is really on on-the-ground efforts.”

HCRC at Work in Hells Canyon

On November 10 & 11, 2018 a group of volunteers went to work on Pittsburgh Landing's campground and restrooms. The group of twenty-one volunteers from hiking clubs to rafters to jet boaters pitched in and did their part in cleaning up in Hells Canyon.

The group consisted of Kelli Rosellini (HCRC), Jeff Stein (USFS), Richard Powell (WWA), Bill Davis (WWA), Shay White (WWA), Bill Bolinske (WWA & IJBA), Sean McConnachie (IJBA), Steve Daigliesh (Whitebird Recreation District), Rick White (WWA), Marla H. (Milestone Hiking Club), Minh Duong (Milestone Hiking Club), Patty Davis (WWA), Martin Pierson (Milestone Hiking Club), Karin Peterson (Milestone Hiking Club), Brenda Adams (Milestone Hiking Club), Mike Ball (USFS), Leslie and Joe Anderson, (River Access for Tomorrow), Steve Schaps (Milestone Hiking Club), Wallace Kimball (Milestone Hiking Club) and Cory Chase (WWA).

These fantastic people helped clean-up each campsite, rake old weeds and debris, clean-out the fire pits, cut branches and trim trees, and completely did a makeover on the restroom closest to the ramp. They celebrated Veterans Day for Bill Davis and Mike Ball. Gentlemen, thank you for your service.

The main bathroom's roof was stripped of all shake shingles and replaced with tin. The siding was removed and replaced with hardy board that is more resistant to fire. It was two extremely long days for all of these great volunteers. Pittsburgh Landing is one of Idaho's Gems. Let's all keep it that way. The following are pictures taken by Kelli Rosellini for the HCRC. In the spring we will need more volunteers to keep up the great work please contact any members of the HCRC.



Shay White



Mingh Duong



The Arborist



Mike Ball



Leslie & Joe Anderson



Hard at Work



Rick White



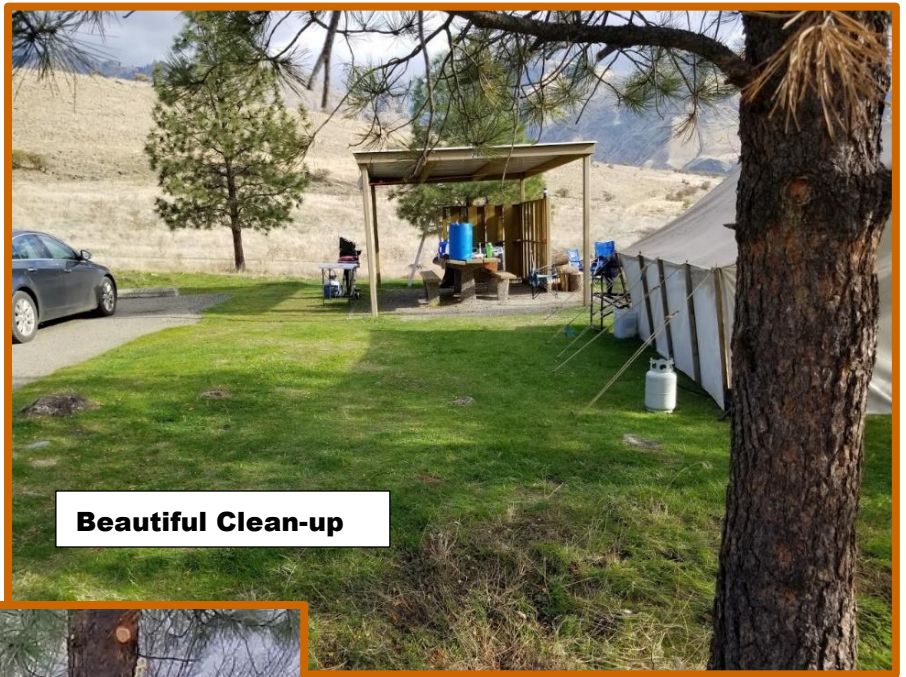
**Rick White
Bill Davis
Bill Bolinske
Sean
McConnachie
Richard Powell
Shay White**



Bill Davis, Builder Extraordinaire



**After a hard
days work**



Beautiful Clean-up



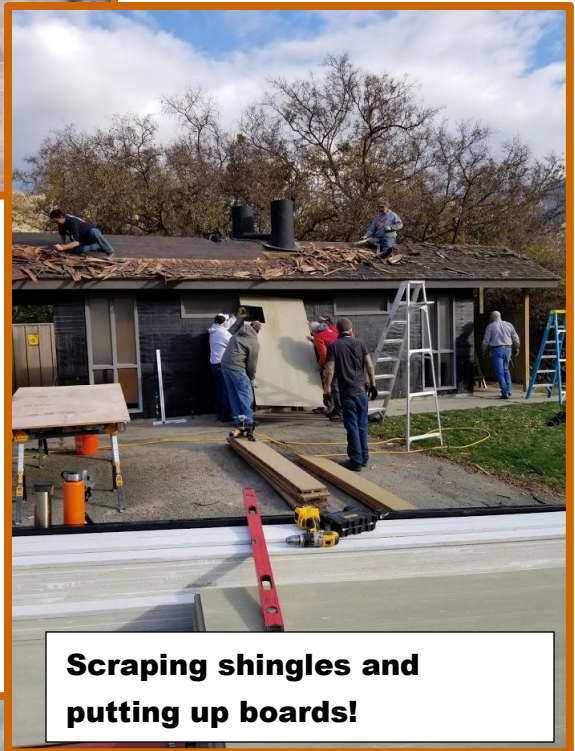
Miss Patty Davis



Clean-up in Progress



The parade wave!



Scraping shingles and putting up boards!



Finished Product!!!

WWA ANNUAL BANQUET COMING UP!

February 2, 2019

The WWA Board of Directors and Banquet Committee are already gearing up for the 2019 Annual Banquet. We are always looking for new ideas and members to help get the ball rolling. There is always a job for everyone. This is the only fundraiser the Western Whitewater does.

It is an extremely fun event and always attended well by our membership. We have a live and silent auction, many different games and a great raffle. Even if you cannot help-out maybe you would be willing to get donations for the banquet or if you have a suggestion to make things different or easier we always appreciate the input.

We have several board members you can contact for more information: Clyde Durham 208-250-1545, Jeff Higgins 208-250-3512, John Bryant 208-250-3512, Debbie Thorson 208-520-1274, or Jayne White 208-888-4278.

The next banquet meeting is on December 3, 2018 at Chet and Debbie Thorsen's shop, 1111 N. McDermott Rd.

Everyone is welcome. We always want new people with new ideas!

Calendar of Events

December 10, 2018 - General Membership Meeting TNT Bar and Grill, Nampa, Idaho Election of Officers

January 7, 2019 – 1st Quarter Board Meeting

January 14, 2019 – General Membership Meeting TNT Bar and Grill, Nampa, Idaho

February 2, 2019 – WWA Annual Banquet-Expo Building At the Fairgrounds in Garden City

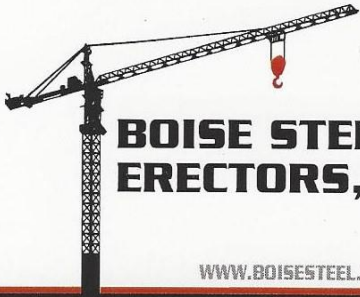
March 11, 2019 -- General Membership Meeting TNT Bar and Grill, Nampa, Idaho

April 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting

April 8, 2019 -- General Membership Meeting TNT Bar and Grill, Nampa, Idaho

April 18 – 19 – Salmon River Run

April 19, 20, & 21 -- Salmon River Races



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Banquet Information

Bill Davis, Builder Extraordinaire

The registration and membership forms are attached with this newsletter. There is an opportunity for members that send in their forms by January 4.

Sponsor tables will again be available with a prize of a special fishing pole. Brandi Moore is putting together the placemat advertisements please let her know if you would like to be on the placemat.

We will still have games and door prizes, Ladies Truffle Table and Dessert auction. Please let us know if you would like to donate anything. We always need more help the day and evening of the banquet.

Please contact any of the officers or board members for more information.

Steelhead Closure Information

Those of you who wish to submit comments regarding the Steelhead Management Plan that Idaho Fish & Game has submitted, be sure you are sending them to the right place.

Public comment period closes December 6, 2018.

Include in the subject line: Idaho's Snake River Steelhead Fisheries Plan

Written comments on the application should be addressed and delivered to:

NMFS Sustainable Fisheries division
1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97232

OR by email to: IdahoSteelheadFisheriesPlan.wcr@noaa.gov

(if you email, be sure to include the subject and full address above)

IDFG's steelhead fishing seasons will be closed until the necessary federal authorizations are received. This will affect the steelhead fishing in December 2018 and in early 2019.

The National Marine fisheries Service's Sustainable Fisheries Division is currently taking public comment on IDFG's Steelhead Fisheries Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and they continue to work on related biological opinions and documentation as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The process will take a few months and may be completed in time to reopen the spring steelhead fishery

Idaho is requesting approval of the FMEP under Limit 4 of the SDA 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead. Prior to making a determination, NMFS is providing this FMEP for public review and comment.

We have learned that the more direct and concise your comments are the better. Please don't bash or be critical of Idaho Fish and Game this will not help the cause. The licensing must come from NOAA and their rules must be followed. The IDF&G has sent in updates every year since 2010. They have done their due diligence and only want to get the license and keep on fishing. If you have any questions regarding writing the letter please let me know. It is more powerful if individuals write the letters rather than a group.



2019 WWA Banquet Registration

February 2, 2019

EXPO IDAHO

5610 Glenwood St, Boise ID



Registration packets may be picked up at the door.

Additional raffle tickets available for purchase at the door.

Doors open 4:00 PM

Dinner served 6:30 PM

Auction begins 8:30 PM

Catering by Goodwood BBQ includes: Three Meats, Caesar Salad, Beans, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee & Light Beverages.



Dessert available for purchase at the Dessert Auction Table.

No Host Bar will be available starting at 4:30 PM

#	Package	Prepay (1/31/19)	At the Door	Total
	Single Membership, One Meal, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$90	\$100	
	Family Membership, Two Meals, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$150	\$160	
	Meal Only	\$35	\$45	
	Children's Meal (Age 10 and Under)	\$20	\$20	
	Single Membership, NO MEAL, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$55	\$65	
	Family Membership, NO MEALS, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$80	\$90	
	Exhibits & Auctions Only	\$10	\$15	
	Sponsor Table	\$300	Prepay Only	
Total				

WWA Membership Registration

PO Box 8922, Boise, ID 83707

Please print legibly and provide all information. For WWA use only, will not be shared with non-members or for solicitation.

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip

Phone #(s):

Email Address(es):

Do you want to receive the newsletter and club alerts by email? YES NO

If you don't have email do you wish to receive the newsletter by US Mail? YES NO

By checking below, I am electing to have the following information EXCLUDED from the WWA Membership Directory

All Personnel Information _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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We are on the Web!

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-
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