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Upcoming Events

January 13 General Membership Meeting – Fiesta Guadalajara

January 31 – Banquet setup 6PM

February 1 – Banquet setup 9AM

February 1 WWA Annual Banquet 4PM

February 22 Chili Pre-Run

February 23 Chili Run

General Membership Meetings are held at 7PM at Fiesta Guadalajara, 1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687.



Featured Banquet Auction Item - 60" Sturgeon Replica by Pro Fish

HCNR Updates

From Cathy Conover

It is being reported that the road to Pittsburg Landing is extremely icy at this time. If you plan to travel over Pittsburg Saddle in the next few weeks, please be equipped with chains and be prepared to use them.

On January 6th, 2020 the repairs will start on the Salmon River bridge. This is the bridge you have to cross once you leave Hwy 95, to access the road to Pittsburg Landing and the Hammer Creek Recreation area. The bridge will be closed from 7 am to 10am, then open for travel between 10 and 11, then closed again from 11 to 2pm. All times are Pacific standard time. It is unknown how many days the closure will be in effect. For more information please contact Carolyn at 208 839 2438.

The Hells Canyon National Recreation Area Office will be closed from Jan.6th thru Jan. 17th. If you need assistance, please contact either the HCNRA Office in Clarkston, WA at 509 758 0616 or the Salmon River Ranger District at 208 839 2211.

Steelhead Season

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission reopened steelhead fishing in the Clearwater River and lower Snake River downstream of Couse Creek Boat Ramp, beginning on Jan. 1. Daily bag limit in those sections is limited to one adipose-clipped steelhead per day, none over 28 inches in length. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/steelhead/rules>

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2020 Banquet

The Banquet is fast approaching. Please try to register by the end of next week if at all possible, there will be a \$25 fee for those that register at the door.

Once again, we will be having a dessert auction – *please bring a dessert.*

This will be the biggest whitewater jet boat show in the US. We are expecting a total of 7 boats from Bean Marine Fabrication, Custom Weld, and Hells Canyon Marine. We will have 4 motors from Indmar, KEM, and Marine Power, and a Scott pump.

We will be meeting at the Expo at 6PM 1/31 to begin setup – please come and help if you can, we will buy pizza. We will also be open at 9AM and will work until the doors open at 4PM.

2020 Election

Congratulations to our new officers and board members (see page 1).

The Jet Boat of the Year and the Silver Rock Award winners will be announced at the banquet.

Early Bird Drawing

Congratulations Gus & Sheryl Elmquist! You are the winners of our early bird registration drawing! There were 54 eligible registrations (thank you), the drawing was held at the Board Meeting on 1/6.



Oregon Boater Education Card

All boaters who operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower (hp) and youths 12-15 operating a motorboat of any size are required to take an approved boating safety course and apply/carry a boater education card.

Non-Oregon residents will need to either obtain an Oregon Boater Education Card or have a card from any state that issues cards for NASBLA-approved courses.

Shay White is looking into a class for WWA members, we will keep you informed.

<https://www.oregon.gov/osm/b/boater-info/Pages/Boater-Education-Cards.aspx>

President's Message



Welcome to the Roaring 20's I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year. Let's make this the year where more of us step up and assist with making the Western Whitewater Association even more successful. I would like to start by saying thank you to Clyde Durham for all the time and work he has put into our club and for his continued commitment to the WWA. The other person that I feel needs recognized is our club Secretaries past and present, without the commitment from the secretary many things (most things) would not get done. Thank you, Debbie Thorson, for your hard work and I look forward to working with you. I would also like to thank all the members that have chosen to get involved in our club by taking an active part. I have two main goals this year; first is to find ways to attract new members to our club, particularly the younger generation. Second is to reach out and get more of our members to take an active role in the WWA. There are many ways in which to get involved and some do not take much time and very little effort. Everything from running for office/ board member to assisting on a club run or helping to plan the Banquet. Without our members volunteering it would be impossible to have a successful and thriving club. 2019 ended and 2020 started with a successful New Year's run on the Snake river Celebration Park to Swan Falls dam. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various functions throughout the year. Next on the agenda is the Annual WWA Banquet. Planning is well under way and it should shape up to be one of the best so far. The Banquet is February 1 at the Idaho Expo and I hope everyone can join us. If I could ask one thing of our members it would be to ask the businesses that you frequent to donate to our cause. This is the WWA's one and only fundraiser. One of the best things about the WWA is our members, Melanie and I joined the club in 2011 to meet new people and explore the rivers, which was one of the best decisions we have ever made. We have made some good friends and had some great times on the river. The next club meeting is January 13, 2020 and I hope to see you there. Always assist a boater in need. Let's go boating!

- Jeff Higgins

New Year's Run

The annual New Year's Run was chaired by Clyde Durham and held at Celebration Park on 1/1/2020 to ring in 2020, 12 boats braved the January chill. There were several pre-runs so captains could learn or re-acquaint themselves with Graveyard and other technical rapids. The weather was better than forecast and all runs were successfully navigated by all captains. Good runs, good food, good friends. Thanks to Clyde and all those that led groups and manned the grill.



Making a Difference

Western Whitewater Association 12/13/2019

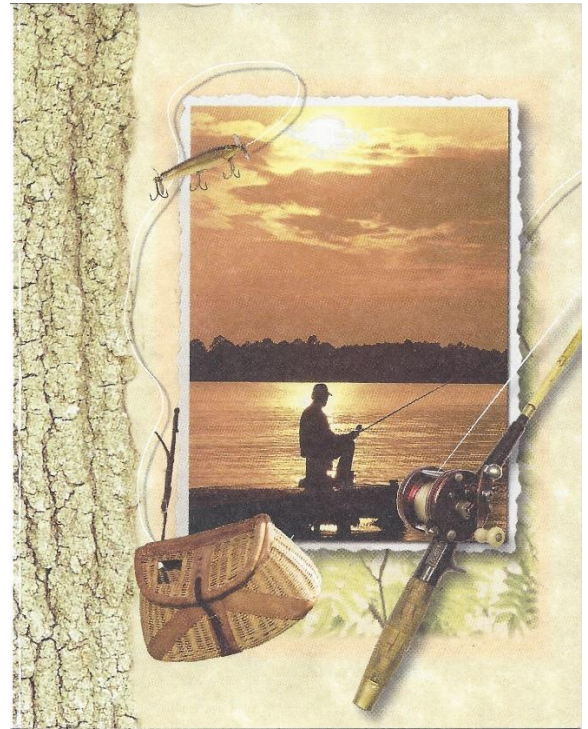
Dear Officers & Board Members:

Please accept the donation of \$1,000 in memory of Louis B. Griffin who died unexpectedly on 1/24/19 of an aortic aneurysm. He loved boating on the South Fork of the Snake River and the Salmon River below Cana Cr.

Our wish is these funds will assist in your mission for jet boating, Family Recreation and access to rivers for all recreational water users.

Thank you all for what you do in your work keeping rivers open to all of us!

Love, Judy & Michelle Griffin



Dear Whitewater Association,

Your kind expression
of sympathy
is gratefully acknowledged

and deeply appreciated
Thank you so much for the
beautiful flowers & all of your
love & concerns for Dutch. He
loved all of you & the
Wonderful river trips!! Sincerely,
Dutch, Heidi, Jeff & Bob, Jennifer,
Danielle, Sam & Hannah

USDA United States Forest Service Wallowa-Whitman National Forest 1550 Dewey Avenue, Suite A Baker City, OR 97814

File Code: 1800
Date: DEC 17 2019

Clyde Durham
President, Western Whitewater Association
PO Box 8922
Boise, ID 83707

Dear Mr. Durham:

It was a joy to receive your letter regarding the restoration of the Pittsburg Landing outcrops. You were very kind to thank the Forest Service employees who supported the project. Please allow me to return the gesture by thanking all of the volunteers affiliated with the Western Whitewater Association. They contributed their valuable time to the project, and they also contributed valued skills, experience, and passion.

You noted how important this project was for your members who spend so much time in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. That kind of stewardship is an inspiration for our employees, who share your pride in a job well done and public resources restored for the greater good. Thank you.

I also appreciate the credit you gave to Jeff Stein for his involvement in the project. I will be sure to thank Jeff personally for his extra effort in working with your volunteers.

Thank you again for your service.

In partnership,

Charlotte Rivera
THOMAS MONTANA
Forest Supervisor

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Member Classifieds

1998 Chevrolet K3500, 4X4 Crew Cab with 8-foot-long bed, 194K miles, 70% Rubber new last year, primarily used as tug to water.

22 Foot Weldcraft Jetboat built in 1984, less than 700 hours total time, with fresh A4 impellor in a Berkley Jet Pump Unit pushed by a normally aspirated 454 Chevrolet engine with approximately 150 hours on it since rebuild. Stick steer (solid rod - right side), newer fish finder, sand trap, center mounted 8.8 Yamaha high thrust kicker motor (plumbed fuel line), cover, anchor, spare nozzle and miscellaneous parts included. This is an experienced boat and very capable in Salmon River and Hells Canyon / Snake River waters. Health considerations and alternate boat availability motivates the sale of this set up.

Contact Bob and Becky Hays at 208-880-3522 for more information and photos.

Pickup \$7,500 and Boat \$26,900 Both for \$33,000



Classified advertising is free and limited to WWA Members selling personal items that are related to jet boating and may be of interest to other members. To submit an ad, send information to rapids@westernwhitewater.org. Business ads may be purchased (see prices below) by contacting payments@westernwhitewater.org

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Idaho Current Stream flows:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group=key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

Oregon Current Stream flows:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current?type=flow&group=key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

Washington Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/current?type=flow&group=key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

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

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2020 WWA Banquet Registration

February 1, 2020

EXPO IDAHO

5610 Glenwood St, Boise ID



Register by 12/31 to enter our Early Bird drawing for a chance to win your registration fee back



Dinner includes: Three Meats, Caesar Salad, Beans, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee & Light Beverages.



Dessert available for purchase at the Dessert Auction Table.

Doors open 4:00 PM
No Host Bar 4:30 PM
Dinner served 6:30 PM
Auction begins 8:30 PM

- Registration packets will be available at the door.
- Additional Raffle tickets available.

Qty	Package	Prepay 1/15/20	At the Door	Total
	Single Membership, One Meal, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$105	\$130	
	Family Membership, Two Meals, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$180	\$205	
	Meal Only	\$50	\$75	
	Children's Meal (Age 10 and Under)	\$20	\$20	
	Single Membership, NO MEAL, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$55	\$80	
	Family Membership, NO MEALS, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$80	\$105	
	Browser - Exhibits & Auctions Only	N/A	\$15	
	Raffle Tickets (10)	\$10	\$10	
	Sponsor Table	\$300	N/A	
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

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