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UPcoming EVENTS

June 13th General Meeting 7:00 pm
July 11th General Meeting 7:00 pm
July 11th Board Meeting 8:00 pm
Meetings @ Bob's Restaurant, Nampa, ID



Can You Identify this Rapid?
Hint it is above Campbell's Ferry.



President's Message

June 2022

It has been a very eventful May and the rest of the summer looks to be just as busy. Water levels are improving which is great. Several boats have been running the Payette and having an exciting time. The water has a few sticks and logs floating down but not too bad. The window to run the Payette is very short. If you are not experienced running the Payette, please let someone know. The water has been exceptionally low the last couple of years, so we have not had an official club run. If you have questions, please contact me regarding running the section between Horseshoe Bend and Banks. As we all know there will be many rafts, kayaks, and even paddle boards on the river. Please be respectful of everyone no matter what their mode of transportation is. Shutdown, if possible, if they wave you on smile and wave. We have found that the rafting community has been very friendly this year.

Several members helped with the Marine Law Enforcement Training at Lucky Peak. Our boats and passengers were given different scenarios to enact to help train the new MLE Officers. Thank you to Chet Thorson, Bill Davis, Richard Powell, and Rick White for participating in this event.

Artic Creek Lodge and Tours donated two boat trips on the upper main Salmon from Corn Creek to Campbell's Ferry. Everyone I heard from seemed to have a fun time. Even though the weather was not perfect (just a bit rainy, snowing and blowing). Beautiful area with lots of wildlife and interesting places to see. On one trip there was a proposal of marriage and she said "Yes".

The WWA was represented at the Northwest River Runners Banquet and Fundraiser on May 21st. Thank you, Jim and Brandi Moore, Bob and Becky Hays, Gary and Deb Hays, Bill and Anne Dutton, and Rick and Jayne White for making the trip to Lewiston for this event. They did an excellent job putting together their second annual banquet and fundraiser. We all came away with new ideas that we might be able to use.

The next general meeting of the WWA will be on June 13th at Bob's Restaurant in Nampa. It would be great to see more people at our meetings. I do realize it is summer and you have plans, but it is great to hear new ideas and hear about everyone's plans and adventures.

One last thing, the Western Whitewater Association is the most recognized jet boating club in the Pacific Northwest. Please be respectful of other people as they recreate on our rivers and campgrounds. Again, if possible, shut down as you come upon rafts, or other boats parked on the rocks. If you see something that is wrong or have problems on the river, report it or call and let me know.

Very Respectfully,

Shay White

WWA President

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2022 VETERANS RUN

Another great Veterans Run has come and gone with many good memories and renewed friendships. We had nine boats and eighteen veterans that went various directions fishing and running some whitewater. There were some challenges finding camping spots as the Women in Bass tournament was being held the same weekend and several UTV riders were camping there also. Special thanks to Bob Gray for taking the time to go early to save a double camp site for the Team River Runners to set up for cooking and camping.

The water was high this year with lots of bugs for the fish to eat making the Bass fishing a little slow; however, we were able to catch enough to have a nice Saturday evening fish fry. Several sturgeon were caught also and everyone seemed to have a great time. Christina Fletcher with TRR organized the event for the veterans making it a great success. Thank you to her for all efforts on this event.

I would like to thank Bob Gray, Chet Thorson, Bill Bolinske, Rich Powell, Skip Bailey, Dave Dickerson, Wally Vanantwerp, Brent Richards, Ben Bernier and their co-captains for donating their time and equipment to make this event possible. We are looking forward to another great run next year.

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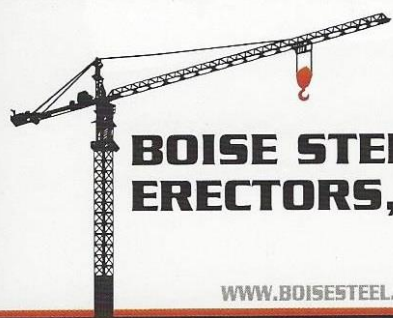
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