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THE MONTHLY  
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November 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Bob's Restaurant, Nampa, ID**

November 14<sup>th</sup> Banquet Meeting 6:30 pm  
**Fiesta Guadalajara, Nampa, ID**

**Banquet February 4, 2023 Expo Idaho**

Our annual Banquet is coming up February 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, your participation and donations are appreciated. Join us at our next planning meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Fiesta Guadalajara, 6:30



Elections are coming up in December, if you would like to run for a Board position or would like to nominate a club member, please call Becky Hays, 208-880-5658 or Brandi Moore, 208-250-2267. We will be voting for three Board Members, one Alternate Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer.

## President's Message

*October/November 2022*

Greetings Everyone. I hope you are having an excellent fall season whether you are fishing, hunting or any other kind of recreation. It seems like the year has just flown by. I have a couple of important thoughts that I would like everyone to consider. WWA Officer and Board elections are coming up in December. Please consider running for an office or board position. It is always a good thing when new people join in with new ideas. I appreciate all of the board members and officers that I have had the privilege of working with this year. They are an outstanding group of people who care about our rivers and natural resources. If you are interested, please contact Becky Hays, 208-880-5658 or Brandi Moore, 208-250-2267 as soon as possible.

Along with these same thoughts the WWA Banquet and Fund Raiser is coming up fast. Again, we need people to help on the day of the banquet, help with donations and organizing. Chet Thorson is the chair of this event or coordinator. Please contact Chet if you have ideas or just want to help. This banquet has been our one and only fund raiser for many years and it is intense and many of the same people have been volunteering and working hard to put together a great event. If you have questions or ideas you can also call any of the board members or myself. Please consider helping.

I was unable to attend the Steelhead Run on October 29. Thank you to all that were able to attend, I have not heard of any winners yet. A huge thank you to Skip and Sharon Bailey for hosting the BBQ after the day of fishing. Thank you Chet and Debbie Thorson and Tom Roach for chairing this event. I truly hope everyone had a great time and lots of fish were caught.

Recently the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative needed a boat driver and cook to help with a group that were clearing trails on both the Idaho and Oregon side of Hells Canyon. We would like to thank Josh Cleghorn for the use of his boat and truck to transport 11 hikers up and down the River. This hiking group was from the Spokane area and one gentleman from Boise. None of them had been on the Snake or in a jet boat. They were an awesome group and worked extremely hard for 3 ½ days. Rick and Jayne White spent the weekend with them driving the boat and cooking for them. Another important note, THANK YOU Jeff Higgins for transporting Tanya Kaschmitter-Ormsby across the river to cook for the crew that was at the administrative site. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer for any of the projects the HCRC is working on let me know, we will find a spot for you.

Recently, I attended the John Day RAC meeting and I am very happy to report there are no fee increases anytime soon. Mostly because the work in Hells Canyon is being done by volunteers and grants from the HCRC. I was also invited to speak to the Idaho Whitewater Association (another group of white-water enthusiasts) meeting this month. They want to help with any projects in the canyon.

The following is a summary of the projects completed and partners we are working with to complete projects in 2022:

### **Trails**

- River Trails & Christmas Cr Trails (Spring): (HCRC has agree to adopt these two trails)
  - Moscow Boy Scouts of America: Worked the Oregon side river trail and Christmas Cr Trail.
  - Wallowa Mtn Hells Canyon Trails Assoc: Worked on Oregon side (Copper Cr) of river trail
  - Boise Group: Worked on Oregon side of river trail from Saddle Cr to Sluice Cr.
  - Palouse Sauntering and Hiking Adventures: Working on Oregon side of river trail from Pittsburg to Kirby Cr

- River Trail and Christmas Cr Trail (Fall)
  - Moscow Boy Scouts of America: Worked the Oregon side river trail and Christmas Cr Trail.
  - HCRC: With ITA work on River Trail from Kirkwood to Big Bar.
  - Hiking and Backpacking Group: Worked the Oregon side river trail for Saddle Cr to Temperance Cr and Worked Idaho side from Sheep Cr to Pine Bar
  - Boise Group: Worked the Oregon side river trail for Pittsburg to Temperance Cr. to Sluice Cr and Worked Idaho side from Big Bar to Pine Bar.

**Facilities**

- Acquired grant from GAOA to replace dock at Cache Cr Admin Site
- Acquired grant from GAOA to replace decking on ramp at Cache Cr Admin Site
- Acquired grant from Forest Service: Restore interior of outhouses at Pittsburg
- Idaho Aviation Association: Maintenance work at Pittsburg Admin Site, Oregon side
- White bird Rec District: Installed Eye Bolt Kirkwood Ranch
- Joe Anderson & Idaho County: Treat weed at Pittsburg complex
- HCRC friends: Maintenance work at Pittsburg Admin Site, Oregon side
- Kirkwood Bridge Abutment removal: Worked with other groups to remove old bridge abutments at Kirkwood Ranch
- Dug Bar Site Survey

**Roads**

- Local 4-wheel friend: Work on Cache Cr & Jim Cr Road clearing brush and rocks

**Others**

- Etiquette video: Complete video, will be working to get it to the public this winter.

I realize this letter has been quite long....but I want everyone to know that there are many, many people working to keep the canyon a great place to recreate. That being said if you have other issues regarding waterways or any type of recreation you enjoy please give me a call. If I don't have an answer, I will work my hardest to find someone that can answer your question or figure out a solution.

Very Respectfully,  
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Sharon and Tee Fisher  
 Best Halloween Costume

***Salmon River Steelhead Run Winners***



1<sup>st</sup> place - Tom Roach



2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dawn Christian



3<sup>rd</sup> place – Scott Bernier



## *Salmon River Steelhead Run*

We are pleased to announce that the multi-year steelhead drought ended on October 29th. 5 beautiful steelhead were entered. Congratulations to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Tom Roach checked in with the biggest (and caught the most), his winning entry was 31.25 inches, 10 pounds 3.5 ounces.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dawn Christian - 29 inches, 8 pounds 6.7 ounces.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Scott Bernier – 28 7/8 inches, 7 pounds 3.5 ounces

Ben Bernier checked in with a 27 inch, 5 pound 14.5 ounce fish and Dave Johnson with a 28 ½ inch, 8 pound 2.9 ounce fish. Honorable mention to Sam Bernier who caught a beauty, unfortunately she caught it a day early. All fish were caught in Riggins at the City Park Hole and Little Salmon Confluence area, nothing from the White Bird or Spring Bar areas.

There were 47 entries this year and 35 attended the steak/potluck dinner afterwards.

Tee Fisher convincingly won the Halloween costume contest.

Special thanks to Skip & Sharon Bailey for hosting the after party and to Brandi and Jim Moore for the steaks. Thank you to all who participated and brought dishes to the potluck.

*Chet & Debbie Thorson*

# 2023 WWA Banquet Registration

February 4, 2023

EXPO IDAHO

5610 Glenwood St, Boise ID



Register by 12/31 to enter our Early Bird drawing for a chance to win \$200.00.



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



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

**Dessert** available for purchase at the Dessert Auction Table.

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

Qty	Package	Prepay 1/15/23	At the Door	Total
	Single Membership, One Meal, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$110	\$135	
	Family Membership, Two Meals, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$190	\$215	
	Meal Only	\$55	\$80	
	Children's Meal (Age 10 and Under)	\$25	\$25	
	Single Membership, NO MEAL, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$55	\$55	
	Family Membership, NO MEALS, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$80	\$80	
	Browser - Exhibits & Auctions Only	N/A	\$15	
	Raffle Tickets (10)	\$10	\$10	
	Sponsor Table	\$1,250	N/A	
			<b>Total</b>	

## WWA Membership Registration

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

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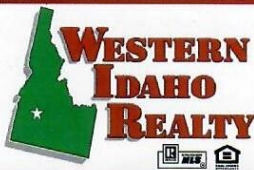
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