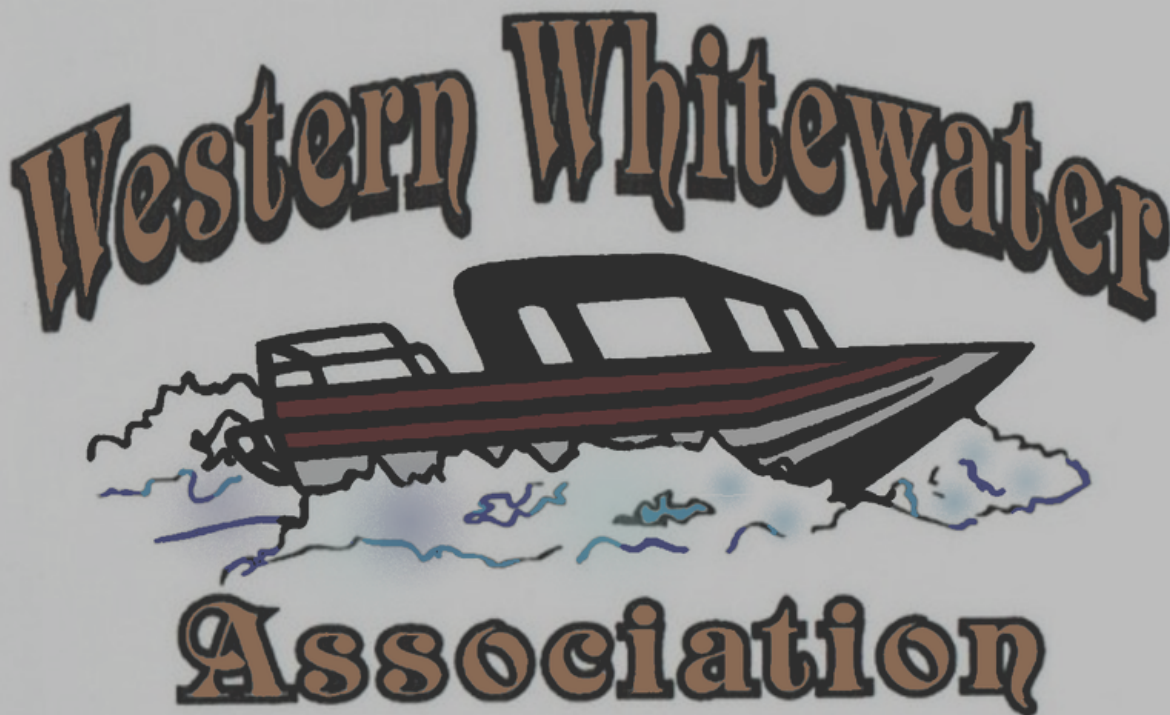


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Promoting Safe Whitewater Jetboating, Family  
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Hello all and happy February! Our apologies for a slight delay in this month's Rapids Newsletter. This is an extremely busy time of year for our club and especially the Secretary/ Treasurer with all the banquet duties. Speaking of the banquet, wow what a great event! We had a record number of people in attendance this year, 500 up from last year's attendance of 455. We had a vast display of jet boats, RVs, Engines, and boat suppliers. As well as some great informational booths. I would like to thank all the vendors, sponsors, donors, food servers, our auctioneer Gary Sparks, Idaho Cheer and Goodwood Barbeque. The real heroes are the great group of volunteers who dedicated countless hours and energy to the planning, setup, and tear down of the event. I would like to recognize Chet and Debbie Thorson for chairing the event, it takes a tremendous amount of work for this event to be a successful one. In the end it comes down to all of you who showed up and made it such a great event. Thank you! Hope to see you all next year!

This weekend we will be hosting the Chili Run at Celebration Park, Melba ID. The Pre-Run will be Saturday 02/18/2023 with a driver meeting in the parking lot at 9:00 AM. We will split into small groups and make the run from Celebration to Rattlesnake Beach. Sunday 02/19/2023 we will again meet at 9:00 AM for a driver meeting. We hope to have all boats launched and heading upriver by 10:00 AM. Bring your favorite chili, side, or dessert. Prizes will be given for the following categories; Best Overall Chili, Best Side Dish, Best Dessert, Hottest Chili – and we mean spicy, most unique name and best name.

March 17-19 Glenn's Ferry Run we will camp at 3 Island Crossing State Park (spots are filling fast, only a few remain) This is one of our biggest events and generally draws the most attendance. Pre-Run Friday 03/17 TBD, Club Run Saturday 03/18 followed by club hosted bbq dinner and Sunday 03/19 club hosted breakfast. If you would like more info or have any interest in leading a group, please contact the run chairs – Jim & Brandy Moore.

*Dave Dickerson - President*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILI RUN 02/19 PRE-RUN 02/19

CELEBRATION PARK MELBA, ID

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 03/03

FIESTA GUADALAJARA NAMPA ID

GLENN'S FERRY RUN 03/17-03/19

GLENN'S FERRY, ID

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 04/10

FIESTA GUADALAJARA NAMPA, ID

SALMON RIVER RUN / JET BOAT RACES

04/14/-04/16 RIGGINS, ID

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 05/08

FIESTA GUADALAJARA NAMPA, ID

# CHILI RUN

**SATURDAY PRE-RUN LAUNCH FROM CELEBRATION PARK MELBA ID - DRIVERS MEETING AT 9:00AM - FOR A SMOOTHER UNLOAD/ LOAD WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT PARK IN THE 2 BOAT SPOTS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE BOAT RAMP. CHET THORSON & DAVE DICKERSON WILL BE LEADING AND GIVING RIDES SATURDAY FOR THOSE WANTING TO SEE IT BEFORE RUNNING IT. REMEMBER THIS STRETCH OF RIVER IS KNOWN TO BE MOSSY SO KEEP IDLING AT A MINIMUM**

**SUNDAY - DRIVERS MEETING AT 9:00AM ALL BOATS LAUNCHED BY 10:00 AM. LUNCH & CHILI COOKOFF AT RATTLESNAKE BEACH - PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE OPEN UNLOADING/ LOADING SPOT - OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP 1 SPACE OPEN FOR THOSE BRINGING ITEMS ON AND OFF THEIR BOATS. CLUB WILL SUPPLY BOWLS, SPOONS, AND NAPKINS. IF YOU HAVE A SMALL TABLE PLEASE BRING IT.**

**LASTLY WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS BOTH DAYS - TO BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY OF MELBA ID FOOD BANK!**



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**PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY FOR:  
BEST OVERALL CHILI BEST SIDE DISH  
BEST DESSERT HOTTEST CHILI MOST  
UNIQUE NAME BEST NAME**



# BANQUET 2023



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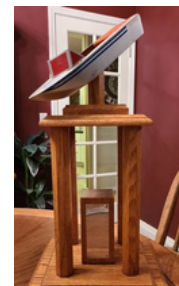
## AWARDS

**LIFETIME  
MEMBERSHIP  
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**SILVER ROCK  
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**JET BOATER OF  
THE YEAR  
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