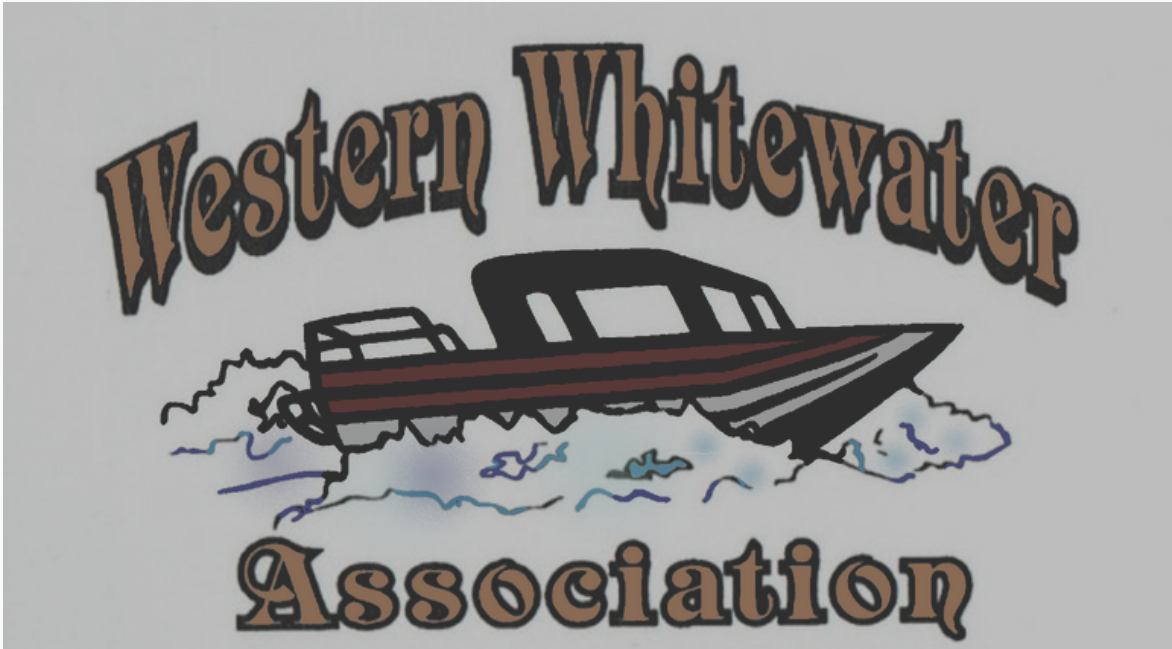


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**FRIENDLY REMINDER GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HAVE
MOVED TO THE 2ND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

**NEXT MEETING MAR 12 2024
FIESTA GUADALAJARA - NAMPA ID**

**BOARD MEETINGS 1ST TUESDAY OF
THE QUARTER**

JUST LIKE THAT THE 2024 WWA BANQUET IS BEHIND US. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE BANQUET COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, DONORS, EXHIBITORS, AND ALL THAT ATTENDED OUR EVENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT THE BANQUET AND FEEL THIS WAS ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL BANQUETS TO DATE. WE SET NEW RECORDS IN ALMOST EVERY CATEGORY. IT IS SUCH A TERRIFIC WAY TO BRING SO MANY PEOPLE WITH A COMMON INTEREST TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF SOCIALIZING AND FUND RAISING FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. FINANCIAL RESULTS FROM THE BANQUET ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, BUT ALL PRELIMINARY REPORTS SHOW IT TO BE A REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE BANQUET WAS FULFILLING A DREAM OF BOB HAYS. AN ENDOWMENT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO IN MEMORY OF BOB. THE CLUB DONATED AN INITIAL \$10,000 AND ANOTHER \$3,850 WAS RAISED WITH PADDLE UP AT THE BANQUET FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,850 TO KICK IT OFF. THIS IS AN OPEN ENDOWMENT AND DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

THIS YEAR WE PRESENTED A COUPLE OF SPECIAL AWARDS. THE FIRST AWARD WAS TO A VERY DESERVING COUPLE, BILL AND PATTI DAVIS, THE SECOND TO SCOTT LINDE WHO IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDING MEMBERS. THEY WERE GIVEN AN HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO THE WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE WWA.

OTHER AWARDS INCLUDE JET BOATER OF THE YEAR - CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTEN AND JEREMY SAWMILLER SILVER ROCK - JUSTIN COLLINGHAM.

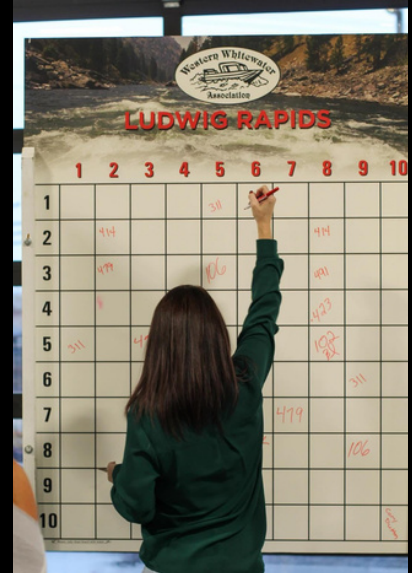
OUR PAST PRESIDENT, DAVID DICKERSON, WAS PRESENTED WITH A CUSTOM STURGEON ROD FROM SNAKE RIVER CUSTOM RODS.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THAT CONTRIBUTED AND ATTENDED OUR GREAT 2024 WWA BANQUET! NOW ON WITH THE BOATING SEASON AHEAD OF US. PLEASE ENSURE YOU SET ASIDE ENOUGH TIME TO INSPECT YOUR BOAT AND EQUIPMENT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN PROPER WORKING ORDER BEFORE YOU VENTURE OUT. NEVER BOAT ALONE AND ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

CHET THORSON - PRESIDENT

BANQUET!!



**PHOTOS BY: KATIE DICKERSON -
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Members from the 2024 Board of Directors and Officers and their spouses attended Canyon County Sheriff's Annual Blue Line Valentine this past Saturday - held at The Center in Caldwell. This event is one of Canyon County's many fundraiser events, funds raised at this event benefit their Domestic Violence Fund. Special thanks to Marine Deputy Jason Roberts for the invite. Not only did Western Whitewater Association support the event with a sponsor table we also made a \$1,000 donation which was then challenged by other attendees to match.



**Pictured above L-R Past; Past President Dave Dickerson, Board Member Jim Moore, Marine Deputy Roberts, Board Member Terri Dickerson, Secretary/ Treasurer Kristin Sawmiller and Vice President Jeremy Sawmiller
Center: President Chet Thorson**



2024 EVENTS & RUNS

- **GLENNS FERRY 03/16 W/ DINNER & BREAKFAST 03/17
@ ELMORE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**
- **SALMON RIVER 04/19 @ SPRING BAR**
- **SALMON RIVER JET BOAT RACES 04/19-04/21 @
RIGGINS ID**
- **HELLS CANYON VETERANS DAY 05/18 @ PITTSBURG
LANDING CAMPGROUND**
- **PAYETTE RIVER - TBD DEPENDING ON SPRING WATER
FLOWS**
- **SKILLS DAY - TBD MAY OR JUNE**
- **WWA SUMMER BBQ - TBD JULY OR AUGUST**
- **CONFLUENCE 09/14 W/ DINNER & BREAKFAST 09/15
PRE-RUN 09/13 PITTSBURG LANDING ID**
- **SALMON RIVER STEELHEAD 10/26 W/ DINNER @ SKIP &
SHARON BAILEY'S HOME RIGGINS, ID**

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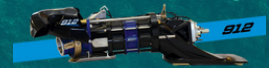
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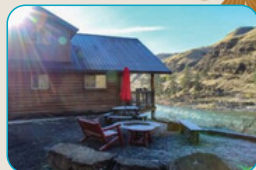
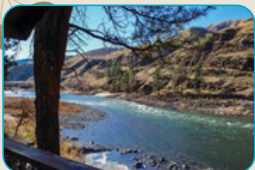


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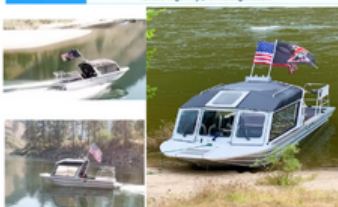
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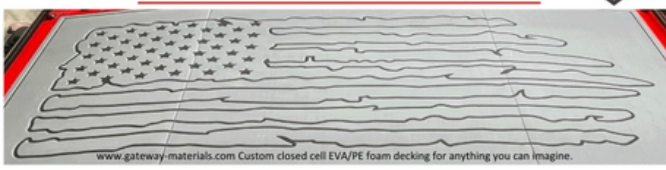
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