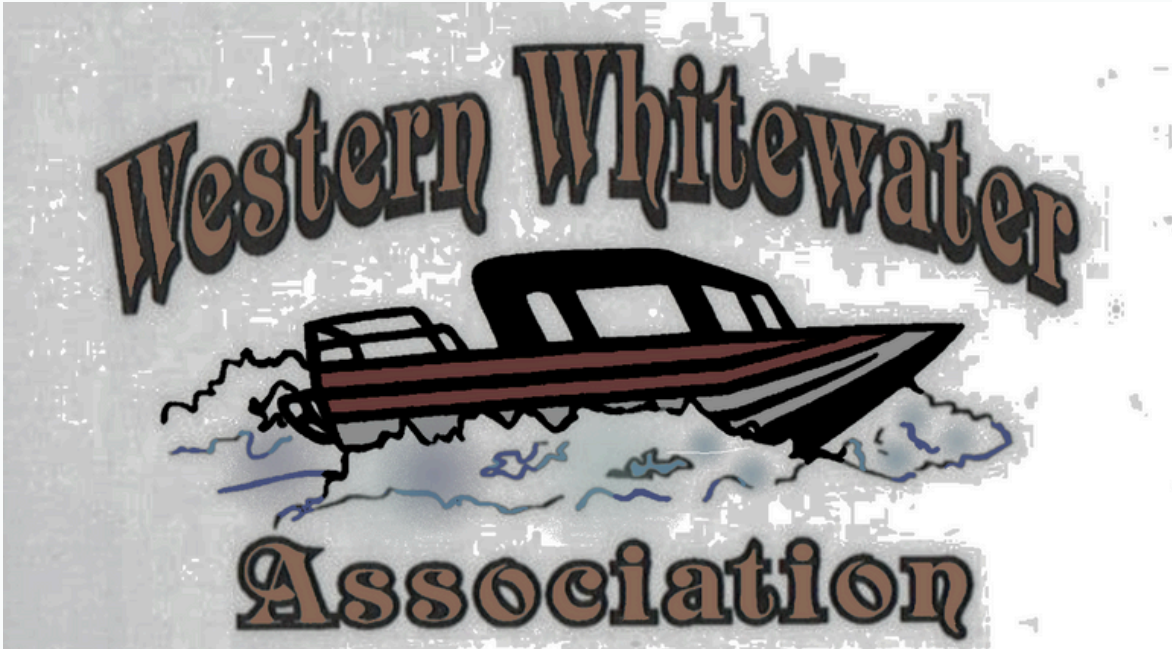


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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: MAY 14, 2024
FIESTA GUADALAJARA - NAMPA ID

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS :
JUNE 11, 2024 | VETERAN'S RUN 05/18/2024

MAY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

ANOTHER MONTH HAS COME AND GONE SOON WE WILL BE HALF THE WAY THROUGH THE YEAR. THE SALMON RIVER RUN AND JET BOAT RACES WERE A REMARKABLE SUCCESS. SOME OF US WENT UP EARLY, WHICH ALLOWED US TO RUN UPRIVER AHEAD OF THE NORMAL RUN DAYS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. THE WATER WAS IN DECENT SHAPE FOR THE WEEK WORKING UP TO AROUND 20,000 CFS IN THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK AND DROPPING DOWN BY FRIDAY. WITH THE WATER DROPPING SLIGHTLY, IT CLEANED UP THE RIVER FOR US AND MADE FOR A FUN TRIP UP THE RIVER. MANY BOATS MADE THE TRIP ALL THE WAY TO BUCKSKIN BILL'S. IT WAS FUN TO SEE THE NEW CAPTAINS EXPERIENCING THE SALMON RIVER FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAVING A CONFIDENCE BUILDING TRIP. THE RIVER GODS SHINED ON US AND PROVIDED AN EXCITING YET SAFE LEVEL. CHITTAM HAD ITS USUAL PUSH, DRIED MEAT HAD A GOOD HOLE AT THE TOP AND LUDWIG WAS ITS USUAL LOOK OF CHAOS. FOR SEVERAL BOATS, CAR WASH WAS THE CHERRY ON THE CUPCAKE TO END THE DAY. THE WEATHER FOR THE WEEK STARTED OFF A LITTLE COLD AND WET BUT BY THURSDAY THE TEMPERATURE WAS CLIMBING UP AND DRYING OUT, MAKING FOR GREAT CONDITIONS FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. THANKS TO BILL AND ANNE DUTTON FOR CHAIRING THE RUN, WONDERFUL JOB AS USUAL.

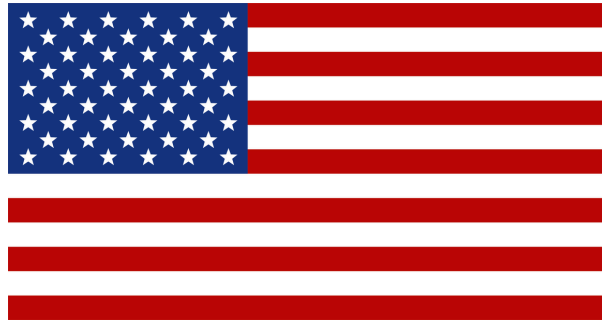
SPECIAL THANKS TO JIM AND BRANDI MOORE FOR STEPPING UP TO HEAD UP THE SAFETY BOAT PROGRAM. ALSO, THANKS TO THE SAFETY BOATERS AND SWEEP BOAT. GREAT EFFORT HELPING AND REPRESENTING WWA WITH THE SALMON RIVER JET BOAT RACES IN RIGGINS IDAHO

COMING UP SHORTLY, MAY 18 TH, THE CLUB WILL HAVE THE VETERANS RUN AT PITTSBURG LANDING, HELLS CANYON. THIS YEAR WE HAVE PLENTY OF BOATS AND PLENTY OF VETERANS ANXIOUS TO HAVE A BUCKET LIST FISHING AND SIGHTSEEING TRIP. HOPEFULLY, THE WATER FLOWS ARE FAVORABLE TO CATCHING A BUNCH OF FISH. AS USUAL WE ARE PLANNING ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY. WE WILL ALSO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS AT THE MAY MEETING.

ON SATURDAY MAY 4 TH DEB AND I ATTENDED THE OPEN HOUSE AT THE TACKLE SHOP IN NAMPA. THEY ARE ONE OF OUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORTERS VIA DONATIONS AT OUR BANQUET. DALE AND MARY, THE OWNERS, REALLY KNOW HOW TO PUT ON A PARTY. THEY HAD FOOD, RAFFLE DRAWINGS, GIVEAWAYS, A KOKANEE SEMINAR, AND VENDORS. ONE OF THE VENDORS WAS A TACKLE BUSINESS CALLED BUNKER BAIT. A VETERAN OWNED COMPANY WITH A BROAD SELECTION OF BAITS AND PLASTICS SUITED TO OUR AREA. I TALKED WITH THEM FOR A BIT, AND THEY SHARED THAT THEY WERE JUST IN HELL'S CANYON AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. DEB OFFERED UP THAT OUR CLUB WOULD BE TAKING SEVERAL VETERANS BASS FISHING SOON ON OUR ANNUAL VETERAN'S RUN. THEY REPLIED WITH, "WE ARE VETERANS AS WELL, PLEASE TAKE A SELECTION OF OUR PRODUCTS TO USE." WITH THIS DONATION EACH BOAT WILL GET A BAG OF SOFT PLASTIC BAIT TO HELP CATCH BASS. THE FISH THIS TIME OF YEAR TEND TO BE LARGER IN SIZE AND QUITE AGGRESSIVE. WE ARE EXTREMELY EXCITED TO ASSIST THE VETERANS ENJOY A BUCKET LIST DAY IN THE CANYON ON MAY 18TH.

KINDEST REGARDS
CHET THORSON





2024 EVENTS & RUNS

- HELLS CANYON VETERANS DAY 05/18 @ PITTSBURG LANDING CAMPGROUND
- PAYETTE RIVER - TBD DEPENDING ON SPRING WATER FLOWS
- SKILLS DAY - TBD MAY OR JUNE
- NWRR BOAT SHOW N SHINE JUNE 1, 2024
- WWA SUMMER BBQ - TBD JULY OR AUGUST
- CONFLUENCE 09/14 W/ DINNER & BREAKFAST
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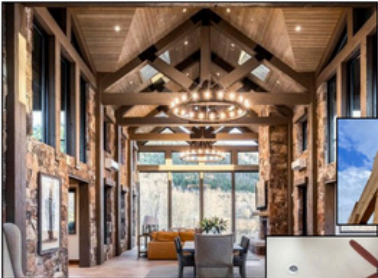
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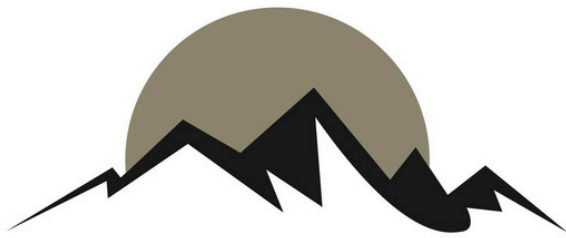


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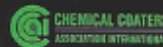
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