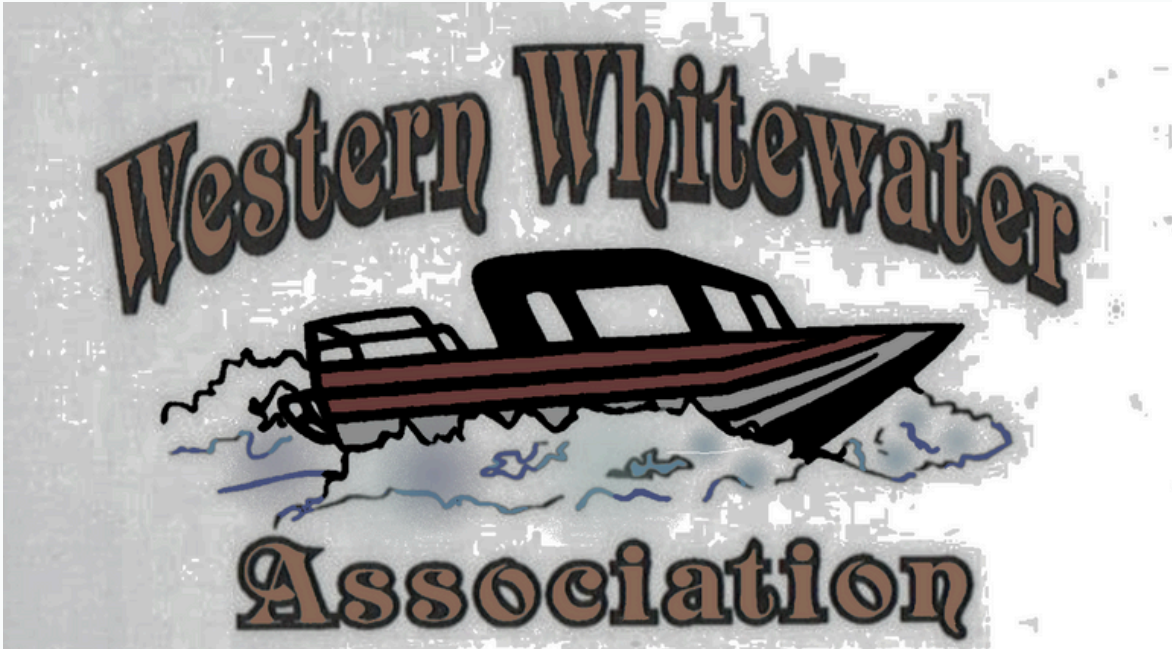


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2024 EVENTS**

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 9, 2024  
LAKE LOWELL PARK - CALDWELL BOAT RAMP**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS :  
MEMBER APPRECIATION BBQ AUG 13, 2024**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUMMER SEEMS TO HAVE MADE ITS APPEARANCE. NICE, WARM WEATHER IS HERE TO ENJOY, AND PEOPLE ARE HEADING TO THE WATER TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AND COOL OFF. THE PAYETTE RIVER IS PROVIDING SOME REAL FUN FOR US RIGHT NOW AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET AND EXPERIENCE THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES THAT THIS STREAM PROVIDES. IT HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT LIQUID REGRETS IS ON THE RIVER GETTING SOME FANTASTIC PICTURES AND VIDEOS. HE IS ON FACEBOOK AND IS REALLY GETTING SOME GOOD STUFF.

THE VETERAN'S RUN WAS AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS THIS YEAR AS WE HAD SEVERAL BOATS AND MORE THAN TWENTY PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO GO UPRIVER AND FISH, SIGHT SEE AND RUN SOME WHITEWATER. WE EVEN GOT TO SEE A COUPLE OF STURGEON IN THE OVER 9-FOOT CLASS. THE MEALS THIS YEAR WE ALL ORGANIZED BY THE WWA. CLYDE, RICHARD, DIANE, JAKE AND OTHERS JOINED FORCES AND PROVIDED WONDERFUL FOOD FOR ALL OF US THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE THEIR SKILLS AVAILABLE AT CHOW TIME. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR BOAT CAPTAINS AND ESPECIALLY THE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR US. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER EVENT NEXT YEAR.

AN UPDATE ON THE HELLS CANYON/IDAHO POWER WATER FLOW PROJECT. WE ARE SLOWLY MOVING FORWARD AND GATHERING INFORMATION. THE CLUB HAS RETAINED AN ATTORNEY TO HELP US THROUGH THIS PROCESS. THE GOAL IS TO MEET WITH IDAHO POWER TO EXCHANGE THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS. THIS IS A VERY DYNAMIC TOPIC, AND I WILL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED AS WE MOVE ALONG.

OF NOTE, IN OUR FAMILY, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT DEBBIE HAS RETIRED FROM A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS NEW CHAPTER IN OUR LIVES. HER FIRST DAY OF RETIREMENT I HAD HER OUT OF BED AT 0600 TO HIT A YARD SALE. SHE WAS NOT SO IMPRESSED.

-CHET THORSON

# RECENT HAPPENINGS



**NORTHWEST RIVER RUNNERS HELD THEIR FIRST ANNUAL BOAT SHOW N SHINE 06/01/2024 - THEY HAD A GREAT TURN OUT AND THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL. WWA WAS REPRESENTED BY VICE PRESIDENT JEREMY SAWMILLER AND SECRETARY/TREASURER KRISTIN SAWMILLER AND BOARD MEMBER JEFF CREEL AND HIS WIFE SHERRY.**

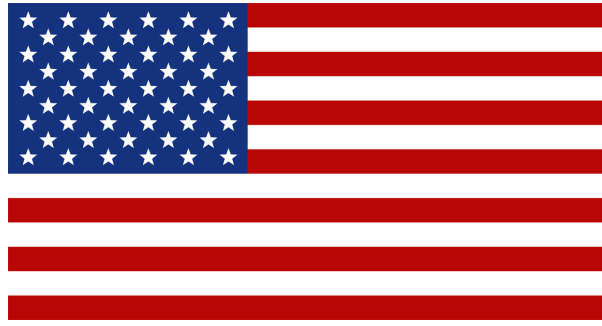
**JEFF TOOK HOME THE KID'S CHOICE AWARD FOR "THE WAR BIRD"**

**WWA DONATED \$2,500 TO NWRR FOR THIS EVENT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS IN THE LEWISTON VALLEY.**

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**CHET AND DEBBIE THORSON WERE ABLE TO BRING A 9'+ TO THEIR BOAT DURING THE VETERAN'S RUN**





# 2024 EVENTS & RUNS

- **MONTHLY MEETING JULY 9, 2024  
LAKE LOWELL PARK - CALDWELL BOAT RAMP**
- **MEMBER APPRECIATION BBQ AUGUST 13, 2024  
LOCATION - TBD**
- **CONFLUENCE 09/14 W/ DINNER & BREAKFAST  
09/15 PRE-RUN 09/13 PITTSBURG LANDING ID**
- **SALMON RIVER STEELHEAD 10/26 W/ DINNER  
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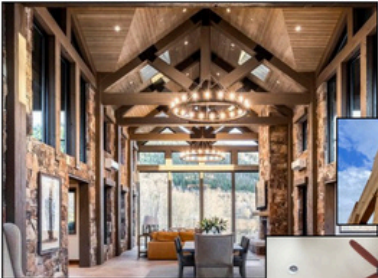
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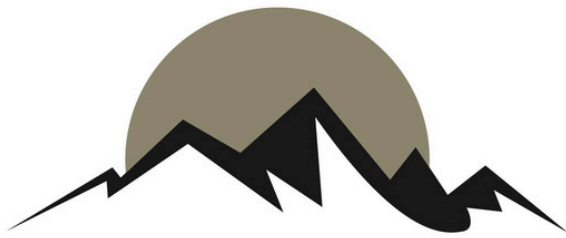


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