

RAPIDS



GLENN'S FERRY RUN

We had another good outing this year at Glenn's Ferry. The weather had me worried for awhile. The rain started in on Friday night and was still coming down at our driver's meeting Saturday morning.

There were eleven boats and there was a good mix of members in attendance. Some who had not been in moving water before and some who had not been on that section of river. After a short meeting we figured out a line up and headed out for the ramp. As we

started launching the rain stopped and the sun came out.

The run up was uneventful, which is good. No hits and no errors. As we started back Darwin got a stick in his pump and had to take the clean out cap off to clear it. After Darwin got fixed, we headed back. As we got near the King Hill ramp the river started filling up with sticks and other debris. Must have been from all the rain we got Friday night and came out of one of the feeder streams. I think several of us plugged up but all

were able to clear it without too much trouble.

Once all the boats were out of the water we headed back to the camp ground and had a great steak dinner.

Sunday, Rich and I cooked breakfast for everyone before they headed for home.

I thank everyone who made the trip this year and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I am already looking forward to the next event.

Clyde

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 - Idaho Parks & Rec find 7 fouled boats
 - Salmon River Weed RDun coming in May
 - Jet Boat races this month and our Salmon River run.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year when Mother Nature gets on ones nerves. Last Wednesday it was snowing and I was looking for a spot by the fire-place that night. But the very next day, I was running around comfortably in short sleeves. Spring will really get here and turn into summer but it is just a matter of when.

I had occasion to travel to Her-miston last week and over the Blue Mountains of Oregon between La Grande and Pendleton the snow is giving way to bare spots of dirt and the grass is turning green and begin-ning to resemble springtime. The other sure signs of spring in my neighborhood are new-born calves and lambs and while I haven't noticed any lambs yet, there are plenty of calves running around in the pas-tures.

This time of year Mother Na-ture especially enjoys tormenting jetboat enthusiasts. I felt vindi-cated last Wednesday as I was in the office working all day and had just declined a snowy outing to the lake with a friend. However, the very next day the sun was shining, the temperature was sixty five degrees, and I was trying to come up with a reason / excuse to get out and enjoy the changed weather.

We will have opportunity to be in the good weather and on the water during the Salmon River run and the jetboat races April 13th through the 21st. The club run will take place the 19th and 22nd with the final leg of the race in Riggins on the 20th and 21st. events. Riggins in the spring time has its own look and this year

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I am looking forward to the international races and the coinciding events. Riggins in the spring time has its own look and this year will be no different I'm sure.

The last sure sign of spring is my daughter looking for her fishing pole and asking if the crappies are biting yet. I always feel fortunate to live in this area. In about 40 minutes I can be on Lake Owyhee or Brownlee Reservoir to fish for warm-water species. Similarly, in about an hour I can be at my favorite creek or lake to fish for trout. This proximity allows for several fishing trips in the spring and summer evenings after work with family and friends to spots free of weekend crowds. Since



my daughter baits her own hook and cleans many of her fish, these outings are even more relaxing. I'll have to train the grandson now. He is only six weeks old but you can't start too soon. He'll grow up to be a fisherman; he has that look in his eye.

Spring will get here and we will all be able to enjoy our individual reasons we like to call this part of the earth home. Mother Nature notwithstanding, we are fortunate for the outdoor oppor-

tunities in our area and relative ease to get to those opportunities. Whatever your preferred activities are, hope you have plenty of chances to enjoy them with friends and family. See you at the races.



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Announcement

The Idaho Department of Agriculture has already found 7 boats at their inspection stations fouled with Zebra or Quagga mussels this Spring. If you can encourage your members to make sure they have their boats inspected if they have been out of state before launching in Idaho waters it would be much appreciated. Not only will these mussels impact the local ecology of lakes and rivers, if these mussels get into Idaho's waters it may cost hundreds of millions of dollars to deal with impacts to hydro power systems, irrigation lines, and fish hatcheries.

For more information go to <http://www.agri.state.id.us/Categories/Environment/InvasiveSpeciesCouncil/indexInvSpCouncil.php>

If your boat has been used out of state or you see a boat with mussels please contact the Idaho Fouled Boat Hotline" at (208) 332-8623 immediately.



2012 WEED RUN

2012 Salmon River Noxious Weed Control Project – May 4, 5 and

Each spring, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Agriculture, and private property owners WWA members provide transportation up the Salmon River and manpower to help control noxious weeds within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. In the past, the Western Whitewater Association has provided logistical support, technical assistance, and some financial assistance in an active assault on noxious weeds along the Salmon River corridor.

This year, we will need approximately **6 boats** and **20 volunteers** to help spray weeds. Since the boats are loaded pretty heavy, and we can typically expect fairly high river flows, we ask that the less experienced Salmon River pilots leave their boats home and ride up with the more experienced pilots. We will also have several Government Agency Representatives along this year to give us a hand. Come enjoy a good workout and lots of fun with friends in the beautiful Salmon River canyon.

The WWA will be pro-

viding noxious weed control at the private ranches on the river and we will be staging out of Mackay Bar this year. This project requires a significant amount of physical labor, as the weed control methods primarily entail hand application of chemical sprays and some hand pulling with much of the work taking place on steep terrain. Safety equipment will be provided to those that will be handling chemicals. The club currently owns about 20 back pack sprayers that will be our primary application method. Again this year, spray materials and boat fuel are being covered by government grants.

We will be departing Spring Bar, 13 miles up river from Riggins, on Friday May 4 beginning at 8:30am. Most people will spend the night of May 3 at the Spring Bar campground to make loading go smoothly and to keep unforeseen issues at a minimum. A light breakfast, (muffins, and pastries) with coffee will be provided the morning of the 4th at the campground starting



at 7:30 am. Due to weight limitations for the boats and the number of people, we encourage everyone to pack light. Pay special attention to the Salmon River Road construction schedule to prevent any surprises. The road has been open on Fridays, but that could change.

We will arrive at Mackay Bar by around noon. After unloading boats, setting up camp and a quick lunch, we will spend several hours spraying one of the target areas. We will then have a relaxing dinner followed by camaraderie around the camp fire and possibly a round of horseshoes. We will rise early on Saturday for a yummy breakfast and then off to several more hours of spraying - lunch - spray - dinner. Sunday morning we can sleep in a little - break camp and head back down river to Spring Bar.

This year we are hoping to target the Mackay Bar area, Shepp Ranch and Indian Creek.

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2012 WEED RUN

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we have had to reschedule this event to a later date because of high water or extremely wet conditions. As we get closer the scheduled time we will let all the participants know the status of the event.

Required supplies for volunteers:

1. For spraying you will need work gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, high top boots, (old ones are best because they will probably have blue dye on them by the time you are done).
2. You will need a tent, sleeping bag, blanket (optional) tarp for tent (also optional)

3. Clothing for three days (Pack for Idaho weather conditions – it could be warm and sunny or cold and wet)

4. Drinks that you may want, (WWA will bring pop, water, coffee and cocoa) anything you may want to put in those you need to bring

5. Your own life jacket would be great - most of us have extras on the boat, but your own would be a good idea.

6. Cameras are a must!

7. Flash light

8. Camp chairs

9. Finally, you may

bring a dessert to help with the food. (Brownies, cake, pie, etc.) Again meals will be provided by WWA.

Please give Don Moore (208-377-0272) a call if you have any questions or would be interested in attending this fun event.



Photos courtesy of WWA

2011 Weed run



Inside Story Headline

**OVER 30 RACING TEAMS,
WORLD CHAMPIONS TO
COMPETE IN IDAHO FOR
THE 2012 TOYOTA WORLD
JET BOAT MARATHON
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2011 Canadian World Champion driver Gord Humphrey and navigator Chris Zapesocki (pronounced ZAP-uh-sock-ee) will be among the 33 elite racing teams competing in the 2012 Toyota Weaver Seed World Jet Boat Marathon Championship on four north central Idaho rivers next month.

The race takes place over a nine day period, April 13-21 on select sections of the St. Joe River at St. Maries, April 14-15; the

Snake River at Lewiston, April 16-17; the Clearwater River at Orofino, April 18 and the Salmon River at Riggins, April 19-21.

Humphrey and Zapesocki piloted their whitewater race boat, 'Unnatural Disaster' #CDN-1 to victory this summer at the August 2011 Thunder on the Snake race in Lewiston. The Fort St. John, British Columbia team also holds the 2011 Salmon River Jet Boat Race Championship title.

Fans will have the opportunity to watch several former world champions vie for the overall title including former 8x World Champion driver Spencer King and navigator Russell King of Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada; 4x World Champion driver Mark Cromie and navigator Richard Maunder of New Zealand; and 2x World Cham-

pion driver Dale Whiteside and navigator Wayne McGeachy of Red Deer, Alberta.

Several northwest area racers will also make a run for the championship including Lewiston driver Ryan Rogers and navigator Gary Weaver (Crabtree, Oregon); driver Jake Barney (Lewiston); driver Jeff Edwardsen (Lewiston) and navigator Ryan Hudson (Lewiston); driver Greg Boice (Clarkston, Wash.) and driver Shay White (Meridian) and navigator Grady White (Meridian).

Depending on the boat engine's size, speed and hull design, racers compete in one of several race classes including the American Turbine Unlimited Class, Shore Lodge A Class, Eagle Performance Boats CX

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WWA is set for April 9, 2012 at Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa. Please plan to attend this meeting. We need your support. Thank You.

Members wishing to place ads are free. Commercial ads are \$10.00 each month, or \$100.00 for a year. If you have an ad that you would like run, call Anita Shore at (208) 454-1669

FAX (208) 454-1923 or email shore2shore@heritagewifi.com. The number at the end of your ad indicates the number of times your ad has appeared in the RAPIDS. After 3 times the

Clearwater River Casino FX Class or Coors Light/Rockstar FXV classes.

Each racing team consists of a driver, navigator and racing crews varying in size

from four to 20 people per team. At the 2011 Canadian World Race, the number of fans watching along riverbanks ranged from 400 to upwards of 5,000 people per venue, according to informa-

tion from the Canadian World Race Committee. Each race team spent an estimated \$1,000 per day on either food, lodging and/or sundry items. The U.S.A. has the opportunity to host the world jet boat races every four



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Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

<http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm>

Riverflow Information:

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl: 509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

Calendar of Events

April 9, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

April 19 & 22, 2012: Salmon River Run

May 14, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

May 19, 2012 Payette River Run

SKILLS DAY DATE TO BE DETERMINED

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 Confluence Run

October 27, 2012 Hammer Creek Run

General Meetings are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa ID