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New Year's Day Run

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WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

2012 New Year's Day Run

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I am superstitious by nature. It comes from my baseball playing days in my younger years. A couple of years ago my two sons were complaining about the lack of action on one of our steelhead trips. There could be only one explanation they finally agreed. We had not toasted the river gods on New Year's Day. A new superstition was immediately hatched. We haven't missed this run since then. Remarkably our

steelhead catch rates have not changed much, but 2012 will definitely be the year our commitment to this superstition is rewarded!

If not we were certainly rewarded by an excellent day on the river this year. The entire weekend was unseasonably warm, blue skies and excellent temperatures. Twenty-one boats made the run from Walters Ferry to the dam. The group participated in the time honored tradition of

a quick toast and some fireworks to bring in the New Year. We also put the barbecue grill to good use, cooking burgers and dogs at the ramp while everyone got their boats back on the trailer.

Whether you are superstitious or not, the New Year's Day run is a great way to usher in a new year. Happy New Year and best wishes on the water in 2012.

Brian Oakey

Calendar of Events



SCHEDULED RUNS FOR 2012 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

During the January meeting we established a Calendar for the year's events. New Year's Day Run, of course, is over. Next run will be the Chili Run. We already have a permit for the last Sunday in February as this is the typical day for this run. Chairs will be Bob Hays and Bobbi Yoneda. Pre run will be February 25. Both days will launch at 10:00 a.m. March 17 & 18 were set as the Glenn's Ferry Run with Clyde Schrader as chair; April 19 and 22nd were set as days for the Salmon River

Run. The 19th will be upriver from Spring Bar with Tee Fisher and Bill Dutton as chairs. The 22nd will be on the lower section with Lucille to Shorts Bar (about 12 miles) with chairs Gary & Bob Hays. Payette River Run will be May 19, with Tee Fisher as chair. Skills Day & Summer Camp will be June 2 at a location to be announced and Jed Myers will chair this event. Confluence run will be September 15th with Jim McGarvin & Rich Vaughn as chairs. Hammer Creek will

be October 27 Tom Roach as chair. Jed explained to new members, the Glenn's Ferry & Confluence runs while somewhat challenging, a lot can be learned on them. The Payette River and the Salmon were more challenging. Jed will check the IJBA calendar to assure we are not conflicting this schedule. He spoke to their president and they both agreed either club could run with the other.



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Against My Better Judgment

Have you ever done something and told yourself at the time "this may not work out the best?" I have to admit guilt on this one. My mistake almost cost the life of my hunting dog. This writing is a warning as to how something so simple can go so wrong.

After cleaning some steelhead by filleting the sides I was left with the backbone and head of the fish which was disposed in the garbage

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dumpster. The dumpster is located well away from the house and the pickup is monthly however the next pickup was only two days away. My dog has a wide range to roam but he is on an electric invisible fence and he never breaks through except to see his neighborhood girlfriend spaniel at a certain time (something about the strongest force in nature). The dumpster is well away from the area he has to roam.

The dumpster was emptied on schedule but unbeknown to me; somehow my dog had got into the

closed dumpster and eaten the skeletons of the steelhead. I knew the steelhead carried a parasite that is harmful even fatal to dogs but thought I had taken all the necessary precautions. Within five days I noticed my dog was not at the door to greet me one morning. I found him sick in his doghouse on a Saturday morning and no Vet office open till Monday. I doctored him through the weekend and after Vet visits, lab blood samples, and

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Highlights of January 2012 General Membership Meeting

This was our first meeting in our new location – Canyon Creek Restaurant Exit 36 on I 84. This is a very nice meeting site. The food is good and there is plenty of room. We had 46 members in attendance and still had room for more.

Minutes of the December 2011 meeting were read and approved. Financial report was given and approved.

New members were introduced.

Nominations for Jet Boater of the Year and Silver Rock Award were made. The nominees were for Jet Boater of the Year: Bob & Becky Hays, Jim McGarvin and the Board of 2010, who stepped up and held the club together when the previous board left. For Silver Rock Award: Bert DeWinkle, Skip Bailey & Richard Powell. Winners will be announced at the Annual Banquet.

There was some discussion regarding the banquet. The Banquet Committee will be meeting every Monday, until the Banquet, at Jim McGarvin's shop in Caldwell.

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Highlights of January 2012

General Membership Meeting

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This year there will be some of the race boats on display.

Drawing for the "Early Bird" banquet registration was held – with First Place going to Tom Roach, Second Place Tim Nielsen winning 50 raffle tickets and Skip Bailey won Third Place for 25 raffle tickets.

Discussion regarding the World Jet Boat Races to be held in Idaho in April 2012. In the past each racer

had to join Western White-water Association. The plan this year is that each racer will pay their dues – but become a non-voting member of the WWA and the Northwest River Runners, as both clubs will be providing Safety Boats.

The Calendar for this year was set – see page two or the back of this newsletter for dates and chair persons – times to be set later.

Rich Vaughn mentioned that Idaho Parks &

Rec offers grants to counties doing ramp improvements. Ada County has requested a grant for a ramp. Last year, Marsing & Glenn's Ferry both applied for grants. We offered to donate \$500 (to each) to help them with matching funds. Neither grant was awarded. Anyone hearing of a county seeking a grant is requested to notify the group – maybe, it is something we would like to support.

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pills, we figured out he had Salmon Poisoning Disease.

The diagnosis was an elimination of parvo, rat poisoning, digestive obstruction, and accidental injury. A few things I learned about Salmon poisoning are: In untreated cases death occurs in 90% of healthy adult animals. Pups and old dogs almost never make it through Salmon poisoning. The fluke that causes the poisoning occurs in trout, steelhead, and salmon harvested from California to Northern Canada seas and river ways. Cooking the fish does not kill the fluke in most cases. The fluke is harmless to people. Canine death is usually caused by dehydration and depletion of electrolytes through severe vomiting and diarrhea. The disease is treated with doxycycline and a worming agent. To replenish electrolytes you can use unflavored Pedialyte if your dog will drink otherwise an IV is the answer. A dog should be re-wormed thirty days after the first treatment. Lastly, dogs are ingenious in breaking into closed dumpsters to get at what they perceive to be food.

I know many of you already know about Salmon poisoning in dogs. Having gone through my ordeal first-hand, I can't emphasize how important it is to make absolutely sure that a dog can't gain access to fish and the potential of

becoming ill with this disease. My dog is doing fine and back to chasing chuckers, pheasants, and an occasional cat. I am open to ideas as to how best to dispose of fish skeletons to prevent my dog or any dog from finding them and becoming ill. Reader's thoughts?

On a brighter note, the banquet promises to be lots of fun with several new boats on display as well as some of the racing boats that will be competing this spring in North and Central Idaho International races. Dinner is at seven but the doors open at four to allow some time to view the displays. Since the International race only happens every four years and then only in the US on a rotation among four countries, this is a rare opportunity to see some of the competing boats alongside new boats from regional dealers.

Equally rare will be the opportunity to see the actual races in April. Keep April 14 through the 21 open to see the races on the St. Joe River, the Clearwater River, the Snake River, or the Salmon River. The event should be full of excitement and entertainment for all ages. See you at the banquet and see you on the river.

Jed Myers



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2012 CHILI RUN

This year the Chili Run is scheduled for Sunday, February 26. Launch at **Walter's Ferry** boat ramp at 10:00 a.m. and run up river to Rattlesnake Eddy beach just below Swan Falls Dam. Bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided, but you will need to bring your own beverages.

For those who are not familiar with this event, the Chili Run is a one day affair. Activities at the contest site are usually over by early afternoon, and most participants are back at the dock by mid to late afternoon.

This is a popular event and it is likely to be busy in the parking lot, at the ramp, and up at the beachhead.

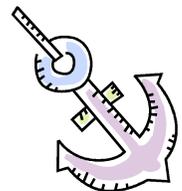
There will be a pre-run Saturday, February 25. If you are interested in attending, be at the ramp at 10:00 a.m. and bring along a rake and some work gloves—as good stewards of the river, we usually take this opportunity to show how much we care and do some clean up while we're there. If you have any questions, call *Bob Hays* at 880-3522 or *Bobbi Yoneda* at 887-9335.

Story by Anita Shore

By the time you read this letter, the banquet will be over. I hope we saw you there. There will be a report in the March issue. I wanted to remind everyone—this is your organization and your newsletter. Suggestions are always welcome. Please email me at ashore2shore@shorenshoreaviation.com or phone me 454-1669. Thank you. Anita Shore

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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

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
208-388-2255

Calendar of Events

February 4, 2012: Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser, Idaho Center, Nampa, ID

February 13, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID

February 26, 2012: Chili Run, Walters Ferry, South of Nampa ID

February 13, 2012: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

March 17-18, 2012: Glenn's Ferry Run

April 19 & 22, 2012: Salmon River Run

May 19, 2012 Payette River Run

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