



President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled holiday season. It is time once again for the WWA leadership transition and I am honored and privileged to be serving as your President in 2011. First and foremost, I want to thank Rich Vaughn for his tireless work this past year on behalf of the WWA. Every week, sometimes several times in a week, the board had a message from Rich about a new emerging issue or an update on a project that he was working on. The WWA was in good hands in 2010.

In my first President's message, I thought I would share a couple of projects that I will be working on in 2011. First, the budget. 2010 ended in the black. It is critical that we continue to manage the budget in a fiscally responsible way. I will be working with the board to establish a written budget to present to the membership for approval. I believe that every mem-

ber has a right to see and have a voice in how your money is spent. Second, I will be working on putting together a manual for each river run event. This manual will contain a checklist for the run chairman, complete with a to-do list, contact information and issues to be aware of that are unique to each event. My hope in putting this manual together is two-fold. First, attract new members to volunteer to serve as a run-chairman. The manual should have all the information needed to pull off a successful event. Second, the manual may serve as a written history of WWA events to be passed down each year. If the WWA needs to establish a use pattern on the river in order to preserve our right to access, the manual will serve as written evidence that we use the river in a responsible and reasonable way.

I look forward to working with you all in the upcoming year. I will see you on the river.

Brian Oakey
President

What's new in your Rapids



Hello everyone, Ron & Diana here. After years of designing, organizing, and pleading for participation with ideas, photos, and articles, Anita Shore has decided to give up the responsibility for the Rapids and pass it on to the next sucker. She caught me in a weak moment and then, in true form, I showed my wife how needy I am and got her involved, so here we go. The WWA is indebted to Anita for her years of dedication to this task. When you see her next may I suggest they you offer her a simple thank you? I know she would appreciate it.

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We are going to incorporate some new monthly features that we hope you find enjoyable and a monthly feature that offers you a forum for speaking your mind. First will be the "Remember When" column which will reproduce an article from a past edition of the Rapids. How can you see your future clearly if do not understand your past? This month we went back to June of 1998 and reprinted *The Western Whitewater Wizard*. The Wizard was a monthly feature provided by Scooter Provenza back in the day. Scooter and Paulette have since moved out of state but they are not forgotten.

Secondly we are bringing back the "Happy Cooker" with a monthly recipe to add to your repertoire of camping meals. Some are simple, some not for the faint of heart.

Thirdly we wanted to give you an opportunity to "Rant or Rave" with an opinion column. You can submit your Rant, or your Rave to me at RapidsRantandRave@gmail.com and we will incorporate it into the next available publication. These Rants or Raves are of course subject to editing but only if unsuitable for the newsletter.

A *Rant* is defined as "A speech or *Text* that does not Present a Calm Argument"!!!!

A *Rave* is "To *Write* or speak with Wild Enthusiasm"!!!

So let's hear from you. We know you have a lot to say whether it be about the WWA, Club Events, Club Direction, the Board of Directors, River Issues, Good Deeds by members or others. There are so many topics whether they be a Rant about something of concern for you or a Rave about an individual or group that has done something deserving of notice. Please take a few minutes and write it down. Send it to me at the email address above; you might even feel better!!!

The Rapids is available on line at the WWA website, www.westernwhitewater.org. We now want to offer you the ability to receive the Rapids electronically via email rather than thru the Postal Service. Electronically of course would be in full color, it would save the association printing and shipping costs, and it would get you on an Alert List for important issues and events concerning the WWA. So many benefits for both your association and you personally that if you would like to receive the publication in your email please send me your email address and we will begin sending your new issues via cyber space.

New Year Toast to the River Gods

This year's run was chaired by Rich Vaughn and expertly assisted by me. (Clyde)

To make sure there wouldn't be any surprises on New Year's Day there was a pre-run on Friday, December 31.

The river was low but Jim Shore took the lead and got us up the river without incident. Well, almost no incidents. I mossed up at the bottom of Graveyard and had to idle through, something I have always wanted to do so I could take a close look at what we all talk about, the rocks. Yes, they are there. I didn't hit any of them, I just looked. After we got through Graveyard and I screwed around for thirty minutes trying to clear my grate, Rich finally told me how he would try to clear it. I tried his method and it worked. It is good to have all that experience. Next time Rich, take pity on me sooner. After I got cleaned out we continued up to Swan Falls Dam and then back down to our sandy beach.

There were three boats for the pre-run but one had a starting problem so we went up with just two boats. There were seven of us—Tom Roach, Randy

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2011 WWA Officers

President - Brian Oakey*

President Elect - Jed Myers*

Vice President - Bob Spencer*

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Treasurer - Anita Shore*

Board Members

Brian Demond**

Ron Balderston**

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Bob Gray**

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REMEMBER WHEN ???

(Taken from the June 1998 Rapids)

The Western Whitewater Wizard

RAPID WIZARD

SCOUTING

THE UPS AND DOWNS

A few weeks ago I had the privilege to run up the Salmon with one of our more experienced boaters. This guy has spent quite a bit of time on the Salmon. As we approached Ludwig, he pulled onto the north bank and tied up. We scouted the rapid from the bottom for a half hour or better. Looking in the foaming water for rocks, current flow, the "green trail", and obvious points to navigate from. After we had successfully negotiated up through the rapid, we stopped upstream and walked down to look from above. Another half hour was spent in detail observation of the rapid. We climbed back into the boat and made an uneventful run back down. The lesson was obvious, we had spent close to an hour, observing, contemplating, theorizing, and memorizing for an event that took only sixty seconds to accomplish. Too many of us do not take the time to pull over and scout, and too many of us get into trouble. If in doubt pull over and take a look. Try to imagine what it's going to look like from the boat. And remember, scout it again from the top, unless you're going to have a helicopter take you back down.

MONKEY WRENCH

Summer is almost here and as the temperatures rise so does the number of wheel bearing failures. How often have you seen a boat trailer on the side of the road with a wheel and hub off? Everyone is using their boat more often, pulling longer distances, and too

busy to lube, or check their bearings. The next time you pull over for a driving break, it is a good idea to walk back, place your hand on the hub. The hub should be at an ambient temperature. If it's hot, you have trouble brewing. A lot of club members have started packing along a spare hub, already packed with a fresh set of bearings and grease. In an emergency, you just pull the old hub, bearings and all, and replace with the complete new hub. The hub fits in a plastic container, so there is no mess. Total price for hub and bearings is less than \$50. So check your bearings, and you won't be that fellow on the side of the road.



ANGLER WIZARD

Wow! What a wacky spring this year has delivered. The fishing has been fair to great, depending on your personal luck and timing.

Several club members traveled to Coeur d'Alene to chase Northern Pike and Salmon. Fishing was slow, so slow, one member of the party now believes that every white boat is a "NO CATCH SKUNK BOAT". Owyhee is booting out the crappie, slightly larger than last

year. The smallmouth bite is also improving.

Lake Lowell is hot for largemouth. Fishermen are concentrating on the willows on the NW corner of the lake.

Little Camas is continuing to provide trollers with good catches of 15"-18" rainbows. Reports of 20+ fish per day are filtering in.

IMAGE: IT'S USER FRIENDLY

The WWA is growing! Looking around I am amazed at the number of new faces. As the valley grows it is inevitable that we, as a club will grow. Some of us would like to see the WWA stay the same, others welcome the growth as a positive change.

With the different agencies wanting to limit where, when and how we use our boats, I have to feel encouraged with the growth. As our numbers grow, so does our voice. The louder our voice, the more likely that we will be heard. We will also see a greater diversity in club members. With this diversity will come new ideas and thoughts.

I haven't been in the club so long that I can't remember what it was like to walk into a room filled with strangers, all telling jokes that you can't even begin to understand. It's a little like the feeling you get when you look at a big rapid for the first time. The *I'm not sure I can do this* feeling. So if you see that new face, personally welcome him or her into the club.

ANNUAL BANQUET DATE ANNOUNCED

The annual banquet of the Western Whitewater Association date has been set for March 26, 2011 at the Idaho Center in Nampa, Idaho. This year the annual gathering will feature numerous displays of new jet boats, equipment and accessories, and river running conversation. There will also be plenty of opportunities to catch up with river friends and good times.

The annual banquet is typically when many members renew their membership and take advantage of banquet packages with admission and raffle tickets. This year the banquet is later in the year than what has been customary in the past so as you make plans to renew your membership, also make plans to sign up early for the banquet and get in on some free raffle tickets and discounts.

Early bird Single membership will be \$70.00 and will include membership (of course), a meal, and 15 raffle tickets. Early bird Family Membership will be \$125.00 and include two voting memberships, two banquet meals, and 30 raffle tickets. In order to receive the Early Bird discount, payment for membership and banquet meals need to be purchased by March 5, 2011. As in the past, meal purchases at the door will be higher and not include the bonus raffle tickets so plan ahead for the banquet this year.

In addition, there are admission packages that don't include meals for those who want to check out the boat displays, equipment displays, and the raffle and auction games. Check out the included flyer for the 2011 membership and banquet details.

These Early Bird admission packages are available to members and associate members. The doors will open at 4:00 PM with a no host bar open at 5:50 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM with the live auction to follow dinner. So make plans to attend a great evening of fun with river running friends and find those jet boat accessories you will need for the upcoming river season. With the rain and snow we have received thus far this winter it should be a great one.

Jed Myers, Banquet Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (fill in both sections for Banquet registration)

Please fill in membership information completely to update our records!

Family Membership \$35 (includes 2 votes) Single Membership \$25 (includes 1 vote)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

New! Do you want to receive your RAPIDS via email? Yes ____ No ____

New! Do you want your email address included in Club Alert Emails? Yes ____ No ____

(Club Alert Emails are time-sensitive notifications of meetings or events of concern to WWA members)

2011 WWA Banquet Registration
March 26, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Idaho Center, Nampa, ID

*Note: Registration Packets will be made available at the door. Extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.*

Meal Preference: (please indicate number of each)

_____ Marinated Tri Tip Steak

_____ Montuel Salmon with bay shrimp mornay sauce, garlic and scallops

Menu will also include:

Mandarin Orange Salad, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Winter Vegetables, Gorgonzola Mashed Potatoes, Ultimate Brownies, Pumpkin Pie, Coffee, Decaf and Water. No Host Bar will be available.

#	Package	*Prior to 3/05/11	After 3/05/11	At the Door**
_____	WWA Single Membership, One Meal, 15 Raffle Tickets	\$70	\$75	\$85
_____	WWA Family Membership, Two Meals, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$125	\$130	\$140
_____	Individual Meal Only	\$30	\$35	\$40
_____	Dinner for Two	\$60	\$70	\$80
_____	Children's Dinner (age 10 & under)	\$15	\$15	\$15
_____	Family Membership No meals/ 30 Raffle Tickets	\$65	\$65	\$70
_____	Single Membership No meal / 15 Raffle Tickets	\$40	\$40	\$45

***All registrations received by 2/15/11 will be entered in a drawing for 50 extra raffle tickets.**

**** Due to extra expense incurred by WWA from the caterer, all meals purchased after 3/05/11 will be at the Door price, no exceptions. This also insures that we will have sufficient food to feed everyone who has purchased meals.**



The Happy Cooker

Dutch Oven Sloppy Joes

When making Sloppy Joes it is important to know about how many you are planning to serve so that you will know the quantities needed. These amounts also depend on the size of the

Sloppy Joes themselves.

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1/4 lb. bacon (cut up)
- 1 medium-sized onion, chopped
- 1 cut hickory smoked BBQ sauce
- 1 tsp. all purpose seasoning

If cooking indoors, put the Dutch oven over the appropriate burner. Turn to medium high heat. When warm, place the bacon in it, stirring with a spatula after it has started cooking. Add the chopped onions and continue cooking until the bacon is done and the onions are light brown. Add the ground beef--seasoned to taste--and mix it with the onion/bacon mixture until the ground beef is brown. Turn the heat down to medium. If cooking outdoors in your Dutch Oven be careful of the heat in your oven when adding the ground beef. It doesn't take a lot of heat to cook it

Now, this is very important. If there is a lot of grease in the mixture, spoon it off. Get as much out as you possibly can. You do not need or want a lot of grease in the Sloppy Joes. Then add the BBQ sauce. I like the hickory smoked one but if your preference is the plain variety, use your favorite brand or recipe.

Mix it all well and let simmer for about 10 minutes. Keep warm until you are ready to serve it on buns. I think you might be surprised at how good these are. I have made these for a lot of people and many have said they are the best they have ever tasted.

Try placing a slice of cheese on top of the mixture after you spoon it on the bun. The heat from the meat will make it melt a little--it's absolutely delicious.


Enjoy!




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your opinion matters

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Elections Held at December Meeting

After months of hard campaigning, and unheard of campaign expenses, it all came down to a Monday night in December at Fuddruckers. Ballots were distributed and votes were counted. The results were as follows:

Vice President Nominees:

Bob Spencer
Clyde Schroeder

Bob obviously outspent Clyde assuring Bob would secure his new position as Vice President. Based on the smile gracing Clyde's face, I think it a safe bet that he was not disappointed! What a good sport!

Secretary Nominee:

Anita Shore

It was unanimous. Anita will continue the duties of Secretary.

Treasurer:

Anita Shore

There were no nominees for Treasurer and Anita Shore graciously agreed to continue with the Treasurer's duties as well.

Board of Directors Nominees:

Bob Gray
Brian Demond
Keith Demond
Jim Shore
Ron Balderston

After many heated arguments and some boat hook jousting, Bob Gray, Brian Demond, and Ron Balderston were elected to your Board of Directors.

President & President Elect:

Of course Brian Oakey having been duly elected previously, took the Presidential reins at the January meeting, and Jed Myers falls in line as your President Elect.

Elected officials

Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors

Bob Spencer
Anita Shore
Bob Gray
Brian Demond
Ron Balderston
Brian Oakey
Jed Myers

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(sorry Randy, I don't know your last name), Rich Vaughn, Cal Ledbetter, Jim and Anita Shore, and me (Clyde).

Friday we gathered at Walter's Ferry around 10:00. It was cold. But the sun was shining and there wasn't much more than a breeze. The river came up overnight which made for better boating. There weren't many of us there though; three WWA boats and two IJBA boats. I think I counted fifteen WWA members. During the launch it became apparent the cold temperature had an effect on the boats. I think four of the five boats had to idle to warm up the steering linkage before it would move. But we got everyone going and away we went.

Cal Ledbetter is new to the river and this was his first trip up that section of river as a driver. I sat shotgun and offered a little help. He did a great job. I am sure we will see Cal on more of our club runs. We all got to Rattlesnake Eddy, broke out the champagne and Rich lead us in a toast to the River Gods. It was back to Walter's Ferry for hot dogs and hamburgers.

It makes for a good day when you get a chance to spend time with friends, share some stories and en-

joy a boat ride. I am looking forward to our next run. I believe that will be the chili cook off in February. For you folks that couldn't make this run, please plan to make the chili run. If this club is going to survive we all need to take part. Beside that, there is usually some real good chili there.

The Jolly Jester

Calendar of Events

- General Meeting..... February 14
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- Chili Run..... February 27
Walters Ferry to Swan Falls
- General Meeting..... March 14
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- Glenns Ferry Run..... date TBD
Three Island State Park Glenns Ferry, ID
- Salmon River Run and..... April 14, 15
- Jet Boat Races..... April 16, 17