



RAPIDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently returned from the annual confluence run. Despite having to leave the boat home for this trip, the weekend was perfect. It was a busy day on the river with many motorized, non-motorized and commercial boats taking advantage of the high-flows, perfect weather and non-regulated season. With so many boats on the river the opportunity for conflict was high. Yet there was none. I came home with a sense of pride, being associated with people that hold professionalism, common courtesy and politeness in such high regard. I observed boats coming off step each time it passed a boat on the shore or a raft coming down river. Boats were loaded and unloaded quickly so as not to tie up the ramp too long for others who were waiting. Each encounter began with a friendly wave, even if one was not returned. My two sons joined me on the trip and we discussed the importance of being courteous while on the river. My observation to them was that being friendly, courteous and observing polite

customs while on the river does more than anything else to ensure continued use of the river. So thank you all who set such a great example for me and my two sons this past run. I look forward to many more great trips in the future.

Brian Oakey



HAMMER CREEK DERBY & DUTCH OVEN FEED



The main attraction at this WWA event is the unofficial - but traditional - steelhead fishing derby, but the Dutch Oven Dinner on Saturday night is also a major drawing card. Most members arrive Friday afternoon, as the fishing derby begins early Saturday morning. Nearly everyone stays at the Hammer Creek campground; however, there are alternative lodging choices available in the surrounding area.



The fishing derby is scheduled for Saturday, the 29th, at 8:00 a.m. (Mountain). Fish check-in is 4:00 p.m. on the ramp at Hammer Creek. If you are unfamiliar with the Salmon River in the vicinity of Hammer Creek, please contact Tom Roach, the event chairman, when you arrive so that he can connect you with an experienced member who can assist you on the river. Water levels on the Salmon are often low in late October, so some members camp at Hammer Creek but travel over the hill to Pittsburg Landing and fish on the Snake River. Whether you launch at Hammer Creek on the Salmon or Pittsburg Landing on the Snake, you will need to complete a self-issue river permit before you launch. Permits are available above each of the boat ramps. Safety is very important. If you need help on the river, please ask. If you are going out by yourself, inform someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

On Saturday night, the Dutch Oven Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in Carl Norton's shop on Bentz Lane across from the gravel pit. Please bring your favorite Dutch Oven dish to share with the group. If you are not a Dutch Oven cook, not to worry; just bring your favorite camp dish. Plates, plastic utensils, and napkins are provided, but you will need to provide your own beverages. We also recommend that you bring along some chairs and/or a portable table if you have them, as seating is generally limited at the dinner site.

Hammer Creek has a concrete boat ramp and a large parking lot. There are restrooms and potable water, but no electricity. There is a small sandy beach at the eastern end of the campground where you can leave your boat on the river overnight if you wish. If you stay at one of the campsites or park your RV in the parking lot, you must pay the \$10.00 per night fee. Please pay promptly after occupying a site.

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GHOULISH THOUGHTS



Thanksgiving Rave

What are you thankful for? Send your Thanksgiving thoughts to rapidsrantandrave@gmail.com.



Banquet

Your association needs **your** help. It is time to prep for the club's annual fundraiser and **your** help is needed! Contact Jim McGarvin @ 208-871-1734 or Brian Oakey @ 208-559-4756 or email your ideas and volunteer your help to rapidsrantandrave@gmail.com.



Nominating Committee

Elections are right around the corner and volunteers are needed for the nominating committee.



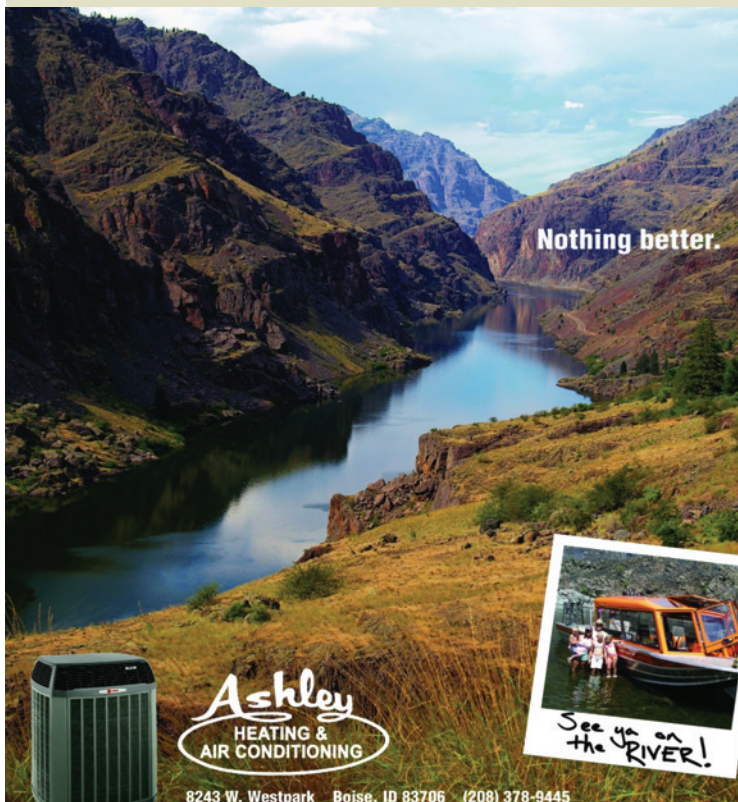
Anita Shore

Anita just got her husband healed up from knee surgery and now she has gone in for a couple of surgeries herself. We send Anita our best and wish her great results and a speed recovery. After all, Jim probably isn't near the nurse Anita was (if you know what I mean).



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Remember when?

Taken from the November 1998 edition of the Rapids

October 24th & 25th, 1998

Saturday morning was brisk and the hopes were high. There were 79 fisher people betting they were the best. This Derby proved it, "If you can't be good, then be lucky."

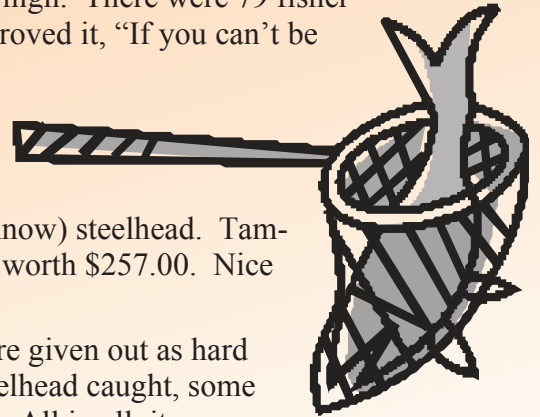
Tammy Shuyler did an outstanding job with her 37", 13 ½ pound steelhead, taking first place.

On the other hand, Scooter Provenza was extremely lucky, catching his 23", 4 ½ pound (minnow) steelhead. Tammy's fish was worth \$257.00 and Scooter's was worth \$257.00. Nice going.

Chuck Heaton donated some spinners which were given out as hard luck fishing awards. There were a few more steelhead caught, some natives and some from non-entering individuals. All in all, it was a safe and fun day.

Thanks to Shanah Percy for organizing the Dutch Oven Dinner. As usual the food was great and was consumed with gusto. Thanks to all those members who prepared dishes for everyone to enjoy.

Keith Whittig



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting **October 10**

**Hammer Creek
Fishing Days** **October 29**

*WWA Meetings are held at Smoky Mountain
Pizzeria Grill, 980 East Fairview Ave
Meridian 884-1067*

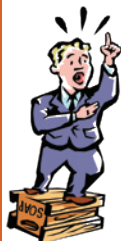




Hammer Creek

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To get to Hammer Creek from Riggins, take U.S. 95 north along the Salmon River. About 30 miles out, just before mile marker 222, there are signs that read "Hammer Creek Recreation Area" and "Pittsburg Landing". Take the next left. Follow the road down along the Salmon River about a mile until you come to a "Y". Take the left fork, cross the bridge and follow the road another 1 1/2 miles to the Hammer Creek Recreation site. If you are coming from Grangeville, shortly after you reach the bottom of White Bird hill you will come to Hoot's Cafe. The turnoff to Hammer Creek is about 1/4 mile thereafter.



Let's hear from you!

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

Rave is to "*Write* or speak with Wild Enthusiasm!!!" Send your Rants & Raves to.....RapidsRantandRave@gmail.com

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Puns for Educated Minds

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Lino-leum Blownapart.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
- A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
- 23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.



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1 lb. bacon, cut up	Cheese (optional)
12 potatoes, peeled and sliced	Soup (optional)
2 onions, chopped	Beer (optional)
Mushrooms (optional)	

Fry Bacon, add onions, and saute. Add potatoes and any or all of the optional items. Cook 45 minutes.



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