

# THE RAPIDS

OCTOBER 2013

## *Confluence Run 2013*

The Western Whitewater's annual Confluence Run was fantastic and enjoyed by many boaters. Although the water was a bit low there were no major problems with boats. There were approximately 35 boats fishing and camping. Several boats went in early Wednesday and enjoyed some great fishing and very, very hot evenings.

On Thursday and Friday, Shay and Rick White as well as Roger Brown led several boats on a pre-run to the Confluence. Fifteen boats ran on the official day Saturday. No bumps or bruises were reported. There was a large blow-out on the Salmon River and it turned the water to

a chocolate mess. But the Snake was clear and beautiful. Leaders of the day received a flask for stepping up and volunteering.

Saturday evening's steak dinner cook-out was enjoyed by around 75 people. Thanks goes to our great cooks Randy Clegg and Grady White. Many members volunteered their time to get things set-up and running smoothly. A huge thank you to Bob and Becky Hayes bringing in the BBQ, tables and shucking corn, Jim McGarvin for bringing in the corn and the cooker, and Anita and Jim Shore for bringing in the ice cream. The many side dishes were awesome and greatly appreciated.

It was great fun visiting with everyone after a terrific meal.

Sunday morning's breakfast of eggs, pancakes and bacon was put on by many volunteers. A huge thank you to all of them for helping out. Truly, truly appreciated!

This is the first time the White Boyz have chaired a run for the WWA. It was a learning experience for all of us. Thanks to everyone that helped out in any capacity whether it was large or small. Thanks, Shay, Grady, Rick and Jayne

We look forward to more from the Whites. Great job-- Editor.

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ Official report from the confluence run
- ◆ The Hammer creek run
- ◆ Planning for the banquet
- ◆ Officers elections for 2013
- ◆ Fishing reports

Join us October 14th for our general membership meeting and a chance to win a steelhead trip on the Clearwater.



Due to the government shut downs the special meeting for Oct 16th has been cancelled. The club is trying to get more information on both the new process for permits in 2014 as well as rescheduling the meeting. We will keep you posted as new information is available.

*Fish On!!!! Costume on!!!!*

That is right, the temperature is starting to drop and that means it is Steelhead season. Here at the WWA we celebrate that by heading up to Hammer Creek on the Salmon River and going fishing.

The run this year is October 26<sup>th</sup>. You must check in with Run Chair Tom Roach by 8 am at the ramp to pay your

entry fee. He will also be collecting entry fees at the general membership meeting on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.

The weigh in is at 4 pm back at the Hammer Creek ramp.

You do not have to launch from Hammer creek but you must weight in there. No late weigh in will be accepted.

The Dutch oven pot luck din-

ner will start at 7. This is something you do not want to miss; the food is always great. It will be held at Carl Norton's shop. There will be a costume party for Halloween

All times Mountain time. If you have questions you can call Tom Roach at 467-7130.



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## Fall fishing

The fall holds so much for the outdoorsmen in Idaho. It's time to put the steelhead cover back on the boat, make sure the heater works and head out. The numbers from fish and game say we are looking at the best Fall Chinook run in over 70 years. We have had many of our members already fishing for them in the Columbia and the reports are good. They fish are big and there are a lot of them.

We should be seeing these fish in the Clearwater and Salmon as this is being written. If you have not hooked

into one of these beasts before, you are missing out. There are many techniques that work well depending on the area you are fishing. You can ask one of the more experienced members or hire one of the local guides to show you how. Remember it is easy to get distracted while fishing off a moving boat. Make sure all your crew is well briefed on how to handle themselves and what is required of them.

Happy fishing!



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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the Regular December meeting, December 9, 2013. The meeting will take place as usual, at **Canyon Creek Restaurant**, 1411 Shilo Dr., Nampa, ID. We will be electing a new Vice President (who will be the 2015 president), a Secretary/Treasurer and three Board Members. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to run, please contact either Clyde Schrader at 208-884-2176 or Anita Shore at 208-454-1669. The two positions that are hard to fill and are very important are Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. As you probably already know, Tina resigned in July and Anita has said she will not be running for next year. If you know someone for either of these positions, please let us know. Also, please plan to attend. Remember your vote counts.



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### Reprint from September: Membership List

There has been a lot of discussion this year on whether we should have a membership list available to for viewing and what the reason is for this. While the main purpose of the WWA is to protect and promote use of our river system, the club is very social in nature. We all share a passion for spending time on our waterways running our boats. There are times that we have questions about a river or lake that we do not have knowledge about but one of our members may. The idea is to be able to contact those members to ask for help or gain knowledge from their experience.

Many people are worried about their private information and that is understandable in today's identity theft world. We always do our very best to safe guard the membership. The purposed list would list the name, location (city and state), email and phone number. There will be a PDF sent secure email to those who receive the rapids via email and a hard copy sent out in the March Rapids 2014 for those receiving hard copy.

I know that I blew out two trailer tires in August going to Hells Canyon and found out my track jack will not lift my trailer. It would have been nice to be able to call for help in Valley County.

If you were to have boat troubles or an accident by Glenns Ferry, I know the first call I would make is to Chuck to bring out Fish Fighter II.

There will be an opt-out on your 2014 membership form. You can choose not to be listed. It is also to be known that this list is not for commercial or solicitation.

Please send questions or concerns to clyde schrader [[cschrader4@q.com](mailto:cschrader4@q.com)]



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## Western Whitewater Association "Rapids"

### Calendar of Events

OCT 26, 2013 Hammer Creek Run

All dates are subject to change. In the event of a change, we will notify ASAP.

#### General Meetings

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

#### Internet Addresses

##### Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

[http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?  
type=flow&group\\_key=NONE&search  
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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