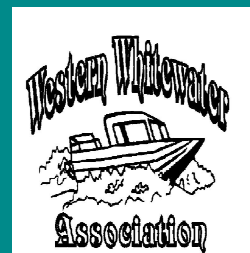


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Banquet was a great time!
- Recognize our Board of Directors
- Upcoming Chili Run

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FEBRUARY 2015

2015 Annual Banquet/Fund Raiser

First I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2015 WWA Banquet and thank all of the donors and volunteers that made this event a success. Taking on this job, for a 27 year old with high stress already, has been a great experience for me. I think Randy said it best in his President's address "I've seen this

young man get into a race boat on the Salmon River and not be as nervous as he is about this banquet." Thankfully I had a lot of help from countless individuals who volunteered their expertise and time.

The banquet went great throughout the entire evening. I grew up in this club and it was wonderful to see many of the people I

have known all of my life. A huge thank you to our vendors Bentz Boats, The Cover Shop, Wooldridge Boats, Extreme Covers, Tom Scott Toyota and Pacific Power Train. I hope all of you were able to visit with them and view their products.

As everyone was sitting down to eat dinner the annual

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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

Time is flying into February 2015 and the WWA banquet is behind us. The banquet was successful even though the head count was down from last year. A few bidding wars on some auction items, made it a very interesting and fun filled evening. Again, I would like to thank all of the

volunteers on the banquet committee for the hours and weeks put in to make it possible. This group was made up of some very passionate people supporting and helping the WWA meet its goals and boost its cause. I urge everyone to treat yourself to the experience of meeting people who have the same

interests and values for the sport of boating and running the wild rivers of the north-west. Even if you don't have time or can't take part, let us know by sending an email or calling a board member or officer and pass on some ideas and maybe even thank them for their

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time given to the WWA.

In the months ahead and club runs throughout the year, you can take your pick of different skill level runs. The February 22nd Chili Run from Walters Ferry to Swan falls, Glenn's Ferry run in March, Payette River Run (if water flows allow), April Salmon River Run and Jet

Boat races, Skills Day in June, September Confluence Run and October Hammer Creek Fishing Day. Any of these runs can challenge your skills or give you a chance to teach someone to make these runs. Also getting a chance to see

new boats and ideas of other boaters and craftsman's work, such as unique paint jobs, gadgets and modifications made by the manufacturers, boat shops and individuals. Being a fabricator myself I can really appreciate this. Knowing this from experience, most boaters are more than happy to share their ideas and





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Each year prior to the banquet, various members contact local businesses and individuals seeking contributions. Below is a list of the generous donors. These donations help make our banquet a success. I encourage everyone to return the favor and support them.

I want to express my appreciation to Terri Patton of ZBest Hair Salon for her donation, which accidently did not get on the program or the reader Board.
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awards were given out. Congratulations to Randy Clagg our Jet Boater of the Year. The Silver Rock award was given out to Mick Cowger, as this award was being announced I could see, out of the corner of my eye, Mick slowly making his way to the stage before his name was announced, all I could do was smile.

I would like to thank everyone who helped before, during and after the banquet. But there is one individual I want to thank for going above and beyond. I want everyone to know that Laurie Horton created the decorations on the tables this year and all I have to say is WOW they looked awesome. I would also like to thank Gary Sparks and family for once again doing a great job with the live auction. Jed Myers did a great job as emcee; I am glad that was not something else I

needed to do. I am humbled every time I think about the great group of people that volunteer their time on Saturday morning before the banquet setting up and making sure everything is ready for all of our members so that you can enjoy the banquet.

We made some new additions to this year's banquet. The biggest change was the sponsor tables. The companies and individuals that purchased tables beforehand to help offset the costs of the banquet were put into a special drawing for a banquet gun. This year's winner was Rick White owner of Western Whitehouse Repair. As many of you know I also work for my dad, Rick, and I want to thank him for his patience as I was organizing, calling vendors, and traveling around for donations and meetings. I missed a lot of work and I will be playing catch-up for

quite some time.

I believe that the Western Whitewater Association stands for family. I have learned so much from so many people in our club. It has been a privilege to chair this banquet and be a part of something that has taken care of our rivers and keeping them open for all of our use. Please get involved...join us on our runs, come to the monthly meetings, volunteer to help with the banquet everyone is always welcome.

Respectfully,

Shay White



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Our 2015 Board of Directors at the Annual Banquet. Left to right Jed Myers, Director; Bill Bolinske, Director; Chuck Mikelson, Director; Randy Clagg, President; Jim Moore, Director; Mick Cowger, Director; Bill Dutton, Vice President, Mark Bickmore, Secretary/Treasurer; and Shay White, President Elect. Not Shown, Bob Gray, Director.

2015 Chili Run Cook Off

There is a Country & Western song that says "What was I thinking?". Well, that is what I keep wondering. As no-one could remember who the first place winner was last year, I said "Oh, if we can't get someone to Chair it, I will." So, the first thing I want to say is—this club means a lot to each of us. When there is an opportunity to step up and assist, we each need to take turns doing that.

OK, that said, This year the Chili Run is scheduled for Sunday, February 22. 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. I will have ballots so everyone can vote for their favorites. Prizes will be given for Best Chili, Hottest Chili, Best Kitchen, Best Side

Dish and Best Name. 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 21. 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 *Anita Snore* at 208 454-1669 or email me als43@shoreshoreaviation.com.



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Calendar of Events

February 9, 2015: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID

February 22, 2015: Chili Run, Walters Ferry, South of Nampa ID

March 14, 2015: Glenns Ferry Run, Glenns Ferry, ID

April 16, 17, 2015: Salmon River Run

May: Payette river run (day to be determined. Depends on water flow)

June: Skills Day (Day and site to be determined)

September 12, 2015: Confluence Run

October 24, 2015: Hammer Creek Fishing Day

General membership meeting: Second Monday of the month at Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID