

# October 2015 RAPIDS



## *2015 CONFLUENCE RUN*

The annual confluence run was a great success and fun was had by all who attended. This was my first ever trip down river I have been to Pittsburgh landing and gone upriver on a few guided fishing trips. I was unable to bring my own boat and really look forward to running this next year. Friday morning about 10 boats broke into 3 groups did a pre run to the confluence without incident. We stopped at Dug bar coming and going and caught several nice bass that made a really nice meal that night. Saturday's run we met at fish trap and divided into 2 groups of four to run down river, while several other boats opted for sturgeon fishing up river. We stopped at Dug bar on the way and a brief stop to check out a boat after a bump on a rock in Rolling bar rapid. While on the beach at the confluence a couple of boats and their captains made a few runs through the Eye of the needle and

Checker board rapids. While both boats safely navigated Eye of the needle, both hit a rock in Checker board. Both days on the water we saw lots of animals such as Bighorns, deer, bear, otters and a skunk. Also not seen, but very much heard from was a screech owl. After lunch we headed back to the ramp to prepare for the BBQ. With an hour or so to spare Dave Horton and I ran up river to Kirkwood to try to hook a sturgeon. While fishing, our assistance was requested at the boat ramp as a boat was taking on water and we had the clubs pump. After a few minutes of pumping we were able to get the boat on the trailer. It turns out he had hit a rock in Rush creek and damaged his pump and housing putting him as a front runner for the Silver Rock Award. The BBQ was excellent Saturday night with 45 in attendance. The menu consisted of steak, chicken, chicken wings, corn,

sautéed mushrooms with bacon, onions and jalapenos. lots of great salads and desserts. After dinner we had our club meeting which was cool because we had members that we don't normally get to see. We had members from Montana, Oregon, Northern Idaho and of course the Treasure valley. Sunday morning we cooked up breakfast and had a good turnout almost all who came for dinner showed up for breakfast. This was also my first time as a chairman on a run. I want to thank everyone who helped with food preparation for the BBQ and clean up. A big thanks to the boat leaders, but I really want to thank the Moore's and Horton's for shopping for meals and hauling gear. And really big thank you to the Horton's for giving myself and my daughter boat rides two days straight.

**Fish Trap. Confluence  
here we come!**



## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

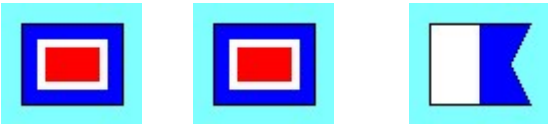
Fall is in the air and time to be thinking about draining the water out of that sand trap. I know this is one thing that is so easily forgotten. Seems like even the smallest bit of water left in the bottom of the boat will show up later somewhere in the form of mold. There several types of moisture absorbers are available that can help reduce any moisture. Fall is also a good time to clean out the boat of anything you use in the summer months and don't need in the fall when you steelhead fishing. I am amazed at how heavy the boat can get after a busy summer of playing and accumulating items. A good cleaning usually will help me find things that I forgot I owned or just

haven't seen for a while. It also gives me the chance to update my survival bag. I'm not a prepper but I do believe in having enough to get through a couple of days if you get stranded somewhere like the road less area of Hells Canyon. A little extra water or a good filter system, and a couple of freeze dried meals, which are very tasty if you never tried one. Just be prepared and be safe.

See you on the river. Use those life jackets.

President

Randy Clagg.



These symbols have been in the last several issues of the Rapids. Does anyone (other than Bob Hays) know what they say?

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### A Special Thank You!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a special "Thank You" to Becky Burks from Junction City OR. She risked life and limb, challenged by snakes and small pancake size spiders, whose webs were made of baling twine, to take photos. The one on the front page and the one on page 2 are some of the many she took.

Page 2 photo is taken in the Eye of the Needle. Can you find the boat? Hint note the life ring and Jim Moore is standing on the back of the boat. I figure Will, Becky and Lil Will traveled the furthest to get here. Great to have you with us. Hope you come again next year.

Anita Shore



Deer in camp this trip, presented a new situation. They found out there were "goodies" in the trash bags. Easy food! One evening Jim Shore left a bag of peanuts out. They loved them.

### HAMMER CREEK

The Hammer Creek Run scheduled for October 24. He will accept registration until 8 a.m. (Mountain Time). There will be a Dutch Oven dinner at Carl Norton's at 7 p.m. that evening. There is \$200 to be rolled over from last year and a sponsor is donating \$100.00 to the third place winner.

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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](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:** Reservations must be made online. <https://www.recreation.gov/>

**River & Reservoir Levels:** Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

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

## Calendar of Events

**October 12, 2015** General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek, Nampa 7 P.M.

**OCTOBER 24, 2015:** Hammer Creek Fishing Day  
Tom Roach Chair

**General membership meeting:** Second Monday of the month at Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID at 7 P.M.