

RAPIDS

JANUARY 2017



NEW YEAR'S DAY RUN

New Year's Day Run BRRRR Really Chilly!

We started the new year with a great pre-run on December 31st. We had 4 boats that made it all the way to Rattlesnake and back with no major problems other than some ice

floating through. Really important that we all have CB radios to communicate with each other.

On January 1st we had 5 boats braving the very cold temperatures. We launched from Celebration Park because the

ramp at Walter's Ferry was iced over. I checked with Owyhee County Sheriff's office, Idaho Parks and Rec, and Idaho Fish and Game and found out we cannot just break up the ice. It is the responsibility of Idaho

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- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- **BANQUET COMING NEXT MONTH**
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year to all Western Whitewater Association members! With all the recent precipitation the water outlook for 2017 looks great. Will this be the year I get to see the Salmon reach 100,000?

First, I would like to thank Shay White for the excellent job he did as the previous president. It is reassuring to know that we have youthful members that carry a passion for WWA's overall goals. This young man was actively involved locally and was willing to participate in regional meetings to speak our collective voice on key issues that concern the future of recreation in the northwest. He has generously offered to carry on the role as spokesman for this

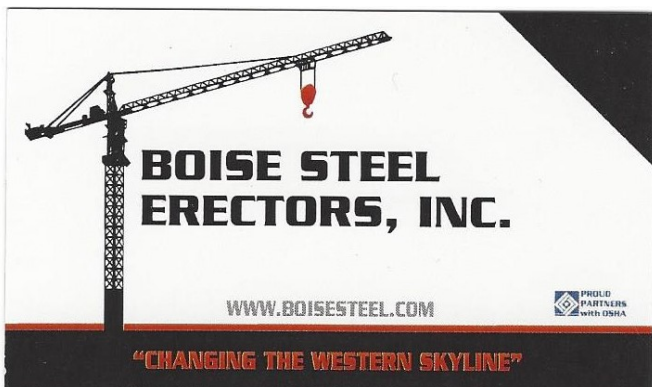
group. It is appreciated that he is willing to give of his time to continue the work of promoting the fair and equitable access to rivers for all users.

Be aware that there are many others that are stepping up to improve our organization, as well. There is a dedicated group of members preparing for the upcoming banquet. As you all know, this is not a one man or woman show. It takes a collective effort to bring this event together. There are others that are holding offices, sitting on the board, heading up river runs, cleaning river banks, spraying weeds and a variety of other activities that are at the center of who we are. I have included after my letter, a wonderfully written piece

from a past Rapids about being involved. Please take a moment to read it and consider how you and your family might reap the positive benefits of being actively involved.

In future newsletters, I would like to introduce you to new members of our organization. I will personally make it a point to greet new members at our monthly meetings and find out a bit about them. If they are willing, I will introduce them to you, in my monthly message, so that you might welcome them when they arrive at an event. One of the wonderful things about WWA is how we welcome new boaters and take care of each other on and off the water.

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1999 & BEYOND

This is a copy taken from a 1999 copy of the WESTERN WHITEWATER WIZARD and was reprinted in the January 2013 issue.

The holidays and festivities are over, the decorations are put away and the belt is out a notch. Now is the time to make that commitment to exercise, eat better, lose weight and work harder for our rights on the rivers. The WWA is an organization made up of people who believe in our right to have the freedom to run the rivers of the northwest. Some of you have children whom you would like to see step into your shoes and begin piloting a river boat on our whitewater rivers. Others are concerned that we will see the end of our sport in the very near future. For whatever the reason, let's make this a year that we, the Western White-water Association, will look back on with pride. With any organization such as the WWA, success or failure depends on the people within. That success is

dependent on the number of people involved. Conversely, the failure of an organization is due to the lack of involvement by its members. If a small core group does all the work, after a while, they become burnt out, resentful or just plain tired of it all. The organization slowly starts to fall apart, as fewer and fewer members step forward to accomplish the work that must be done. What can you do?? Volunteer!! Volunteer for any work the WWA needs. From club run leaders, to committee leaders, to selling hats and shirts, volunteers are needed for all club functions. You don't have to jump in with both feet either! Become a co-chair for a run, so you can get a feel for what is asked of a run chairman. Volunteer for a committee, more people means

more brain power and a broader scope of knowledge. Everyone in this club has his or her special talents. If you see that a club member is doing something that would appeal to your interests, call him/her up and offer to help out. I know of no glory hounds in the club, any and all help is appreciated. If you happen to know the river section we are holding a club run on, call up the run chairman and volunteer to lead a group up. If your specialty is flipping burgers, volunteer to help cook on the next run. The list goes on and on. Remember, the success of the WWA depends on YOU, not the other guy or gal.



Ice on Jim Shore's boat after New Year's Day Run.

New Years Day

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Fish and Game to keep that ramp clear.

We toasted the "River Gods" hoping for a great water year and no problems with our boats. Celebration Park was a great place this year for the BBQ. Thank you Bob Hayes for cooking up all the burgers and dogs. Thanks to John Bryant for providing the wood for the fire. We were able to clear off most of the snow with 4-wheelers and snow plows. Thanks to Rick White, John Bryant and Keith Keller for all their hard work cleaning up the ramp and moving snow.

The New Year's Day run is my last official act and I now turn everything over to Bill Dutton. I will continue working with the Hell's Canyon Committee and Idaho Recreation Council to make sure we stay on the rivers.

Wishing you all a prosperous and very Happy New Year!

Shay White

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The December general membership meeting was held December 12, at Canyon Creek Restaurant in Nampa, ID. Elections for 2017 WWA Board of Directors were held at the December 2016 Membership meeting! The results were Vice-President —, Secretary/Treasurer Anita Shore and Board Members, Dave Dickerson, Dave Horton, Jeff Higgins and Alternate Chet Thorsen. There were five names as write in for VP, Four of them declined.

The first 2017 Board of Directors meeting postponed due snowy roads.



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ANNUAL BANQUET & BOAT SHOW

The WWA's Annual Fundraiser Banquette is fast approaching. The date set is Feb 4, 2017 at the Expo Idaho Building, 5610 Glenwood, Boise ID. We encourage all members to register early for this event and set this date aside on your calendars.

There is a Banquet registration form in this month's Rapids. It gives the opportunity for those who pre-register prior to January 9 to be included in the Early Bird drawing to be held at the General Membership meeting. There

will be three chances to win the "Early Bird Drawing": 3rd Place will win 25 extra raffle tickets, 2nd place will win 50 extra raffle tickets and 1st place will get their registration money refunded (a \$135 value).

The way we can contribute to keeping our activities and access to the waters that we love is by donating items for the banquet or by buying items at our fundraiser auction held during the banquet. Every year many generous businesses donate to the WWA, goods and ser-

vices to be auctioned off. We greatly appreciate all that has been sent our way and we ask for your continued help.

If you have any questions, wish to help or wish to donate an item, please contact me at als43@shoreshoreaviation.com (208) 454-1669 or Mick Cowger at (208) 697-3636..



Looks like a great place to have a picnic.
The fire was sure nice.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Finally, the mechanic in me just has to put in this one little bit of technical advice. If you are towing your boat this winter over roads that have been treated with magnesium chloride it is a good idea to wash it off your boat as soon as possible. It is very corrosive to aluminum hulls.

With that I will close. See you on the water!

Bill Dutton

President

Western Whitewater Association



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<http://www.westernwhitewater.org>

(fill in top of form for membership only, fill both sections for Banquet registration)

Family Membership \$35 (includes 2 votes)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone # _____

Single Membership \$25 (includes one vote)

Do you want to receive the Rapids and club alerts
by email? Alerts are time sensitive notifications.

Yes _____ No _____

E-mail _____

By checking the box below I am electing to have the following information excluded from the Club Membership Directory

All personal information _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____ City & State _____

The information is for club business and your information will not be shared with non-member or for solicitation.

2017 WWA Banquet Registration February 4, 2017 Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. No host bar at 4:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Note: Registration Packets will be made available at the door.

Extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

The meal will be catered by Goodwood BBQ.

Three different meat choices, Cesar salad, baked beans, garlic potatoes, rolls, coffee and light beverages

# Package	Pre-Pay 2/1/2017	At the Door**
___ WWA Single Membership One Meal, 15 Raffle	\$75.00	\$90.00
___ WWA Family Memberhip Two meals, 30 Raffle Tickets	\$135.00	\$150.00
___ Individual Meal Only	\$35.00	\$80.00
___ Dinner for Two	\$70.00	
___ Children's Dinner (age 14 & under)	\$15.00	\$20.00
___ Family Membership No meals/30 Raffle Tickets	\$65.00	\$70.00
___ Single Membership No meals/15 Raffle Tickets	\$40.00	\$45.00
___ SPONSOR TABLE Tables will not be reserved this year unless a sponsor table has been purchased. All sponsor tables will be in a special drawing for a WWA Banquet Prize.	\$300.00	NA

****Due to extra expense incurred by WWA from the caterer, all meals purchased after 1/30/2017 will be at the door price, no exceptions. This also insures that we will have sufficient food to feed everyone who has purchased meals. This year, we have established a \$5.00 "Browser Fee" for those wanting to just view the displays etc. This fee includes five raffle tickets.**

*****If you made your reservation thru PAY PAL please bring your receipt.**



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Calendar of Events

Jan 9, 2017 *General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

FEB 4, 2017 *Annual Banquet Idaho Expo Building, Boise*

FEB 26, 2017 *Chili Run, Walter's Ferry*

MAR 2017 *Glenns Ferry Run*

APRIL 2017 *Salmon River Run*

May , 2017 *(tentative) Weed Rim*

May 2017 *(to be determined) Payette River Run*

May , 2017 *Skills Day*

SEPT , 2017 *Confluence Run*

OCT 2017 *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

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Internet Addresses

Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm= (enter it once and bookmark it!)

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: 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