

October
2010

RAPIDS



President's Message

Our annual September Confluence Event was exceptional. River conditions were excellent, unless you decided to camp over night at Fish Trap and forgot to anchor out. On both Saturday and Sunday there were several boats left high and dry, at Fish Trap, waiting for the river to rise. Otherwise water conditions were excellent. For example, Todd Caldwell spent Saturday and most of Sunday between Rush Creek and the Hells Canyon Dam. When he wasn't running that section of the Snake River, he was busy cleaning fish.

A six foot Sturgeon was caught at Sturgeon Rock on Saturday. Tom Roach caught another Sturgeon on Thursday and was the star at-

traction of the passengers on the Kilgore tour boat. Two new members, Mike and Allen Hall (no relation to Butch) spent some time Chucker hunting Saturday. Ratio of kills to ammunition expended was reportedly not all that good, but hey, it was opening day.

There were a couple of minor bumps and a couple of mechanical problems but nothing that even came close to being serious. Even Tom made it to the confluence and back with his windshield still intact. Obviously, this was the direct result of the quality of the seven leaders who instructed new boaters in skills of running the river both up into Hells Canyon and down to the Confluence.

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Saturdays steak dinner was excellent. About 85 boaters join the excellent cooking of professional chef, Tony Tarantino (Tri Cities, Washington), with the great assistance from Ken Deery and Gary Hays. Dan Byington and Larry Dove did an excellent job of cooking the corn, which was hand picked by Jim McGarvin. Side dishes were too numerous to describe in this limited space. It will suffice to tell anyone who did not make the trip this year - you missed one terrific meal.

Sunday morning a new feature was added to this year's event. The club cooked breakfast for everyone. Considering the success we may have started something that could possibly be a regular. Scrambled eggs by Anita Shore. Golden brown - I do mean GOLDEN Brown - pancakes by Clyde Schrader. Bacon cooked to perfection. What a beautiful morning!

I know I am overlooking some of the people who helped make this one of the best ever Confluence Events and I can only say I am sorry and apologize for my inability to remember everyone. I think it's an age thing. To all of the new people I met, thanks for your participation and help.

New members - Seven family memberships and a single member joined the WWA in July and August. Three of the new families were on the Confluence run. Welcome to you all.

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My goodness, look at all the good side dishes. Good Food, Good Company, Good Times. Doesn't get much better than this.

2010 HAMMER CREEK RUN

This year the event is scheduled for the weekend of October 30th. The rendezvous point is Hammer Creek Recreation Area on the Salmon River about 30 miles north of Riggins, Idaho. 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 with a 8:00 a.m. (Mountain time) starting time. Fish check-in is 4:00 p.m. (Mountain time). If you are unfamiliar with the Salmon River in the vicinity of Hammer Creek, please contact the event chairman Tom Roach 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 ramps. Safety is very important, if you need help on the river, please ask.

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=
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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

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If you are going out by yourself, please inform someone where you are going and when you plan to return. If you are a new member, please review the "River Run Information for New Members" below.

Both Friday and Saturday night there will be a no-host social hour and group campfire starting at 6:00 p.m. along the north side of the parking lot. On Saturday night, the Dutch Oven Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. 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 over night 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.

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.

This year, for the first time, we will be serving breakfast on Sunday morning. The club did this after the Confluence run, and it was so well received we decided to do it for this event. Come, and enjoy.



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- To own or lease property for the Association users.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests.

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- I will always respect the rights of other water users.
- I will at all times give down-river traffic the right of way.
- I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out litter.
- I will get permission and have respect for private property.
- I will give aid to any boatman or water user when in danger.
- I will read the Code of Ethics of the Association and agree to abide by them as an active member and boatman.