

A Letter to Our Members

By Jennifer Atteberry, President

It has been a busy couple of months here at the Idaho Whitewater Association! For the first time since January, it feels like we can all take a moment to breathe (especially now that we got the newsletter out!). I cannot believe that it is already June. The Board has been so busy the past 6 months with events like the: Annual Used Equipment Sale, Lochsa River Madness, Dutch Oven Cook-off, Adopt a Highway, Winter Carnival, IWA member meetings, and participation in many other community events. Because of the magnitude of some of these events, we at the IWA, have relied heavily on our amazing volunteers and sponsors. Although, there are too many people to list, please know that if you have assisted us during a recent IWA event, I extend a heartfelt thanks out to you. I truly believe that we have an amazing group of individuals involved in making the IWA what it is today. The amount of work required would be impossible to accomplish without all of your help volunteering and supporting our events. It truly takes a village to move forward and accomplish the goals that we have set for not only the 2015 IWA, but our local boating community. I am so proud to be a member of this organization and I look forward to where the future takes the IWA. We have so many exciting opportunities opening up, and with the help of those involved, our continued growth is obtainable.

At the helm of all of these events, is the Board of Directors. Please recognize the amount of time that they commit to the IWA every week. Without them working tirelessly behind the scenes, many of these events would not have been accomplished. To - Deme Dellairo, Howard Miller, Sig Jensen, Katie Stone, Dylan Delamotte, Alissa Palmer, Scott Laxson, and Jesse Delamotte, I tip my head in thanks. You truly have gone above and beyond this first half of the year, and I cannot wait to see what you accomplish with the 2nd half of the year. In addition, did you notice a new name on the Board of Directors list? I am pleased to announce that in May, Scott Laxson submitted a nomination, and was voted onto the Board by the current IWA Board of Directors. Scott has been actively involved with almost every IWA event this year and decided that he would like to make an additional commitment, by jumping on the IWA Board of Directors. We are so excited that he made this decision and welcome him with open arms. Scott is passionate about Idaho's rivers and whitewater, the boating community, and the IWA. I know that he will be a valuable addition to our team. Welcome aboard Scott!

We are working on putting together the 2015-2016 IWA Calendar of Events schedule, and will be releasing that on the Idaho Whitewater Association website and in the Fall Newsletter. Please check back for additional information.

2015 Used Equipment Sale



Adopt a Highway - Spring 2015

Winter Carnival - McCall



Cascade Outfitters Spring Thaw

AIRE Factory Store Grand Opening



Lochsa River Madness



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Safety Saturday is July 11th!

By Sig Jensen

Safety Saturday is approaching quickly! Come join us for an opportunity to interactively learn and/or practice safety techniques while on the river with your own rafting/boating gear. This free instructional event will include the following stations:



- Proper Life Jacket and Helmet Fitting
- Boat Flipping
- Throw Bag Practice
- First Aid
- Proper Pre-Rafting Safety Talk
- Knot Tying

Check in at Banks between 10am and 1pm, stop at all of our stations along the river, and qualify for a river and safety gear raffle at the Beehive takeout. The IWA will also be providing a BBQ at the takeout for all participants. If you are interested in Volunteering please contact Sig at 703-3245 or sigjensen@yahoo.com. Hope to see you all there!



Partners Afloat Trip - May 2015

By Deme Dellairo

On May 10, 2015, I was excited to be the representative for the IWA on the Partners Afloat trip down the Main Salmon River. The trip was comprised of Forest Service staff, Rangers, the Fire Protective Agency, a representative from Senator Risch's office, Guides, and Outfitters. I was the only private boater on the trip. The trip started out with a discussion about how the Forest Service will be improving the ramp at Corn Creek within the next year or so. There were so many issues that I was unaware of happening on the rivers that I wanted to share with the members of IWA. For instance, the \$4.00 per person/per day fee is used to finance the SCAT machines, and maintain road access into Corn Creek, Boundary Creek, and Vinegar Creek. It is also used to maintain the river corridors. Another interesting bit of information came from the outfitters. While their guests pay the normal \$4.00 per person/per day, the outfitters must pay an additional 3% of total gross sales, which is also applied to the maintenance mentioned above.

We had an opportunity to meet with the Jet Boat Association at Shepp Ranch. Additional interesting information was shared. Only six jet boats a day are allowed on the Main Salmon and they MUST have a permit to be on the river. The families owning jet boats, who live along the river, must also have a permit if, for example, they wish to visit a friend for Sunday brunch. They are only allowed to jet boat to and from Corn Creek and Vinegar Creek without a permit. The Jet Boat Association talked about their yearly efforts in assisting the Forest Service to clear noxious weeds out of the campsites along the river. They also discussed the importance of float boaters, as we are known, to stay closer together and allow the jet boats to pass as quickly as they can, which actually reduces the wake for float boaters, and, as they put it, reduces the noise to float boaters. All jet boats are now regulated and there is no gas seeping into the river. Interesting! They also ask that the first float boat party please indicate, with hand signals, exactly how many boats are with the group, so they can wait for all boats to get through the rapids. They have also requested that we stop "mooning" them and giving them the "finger", as they too have family members on board, which often includes children. Their comment was "It's worse on the Lower Salmon than the Main Salmon."

We discussed fire, how it is a natural occurrence, especially on the river, and when the river should be shut off to all boaters. It was felt that boaters would have a better understanding of fire management, if we were to experience it first-hand.

There was also discussion prompted by the outfitters concerning reservations on all of the non-transient campsites along stretches of river, like the Middle Fork. The general consensus from the outfitters, is that this would prevent problems amongst outfitters and private boaters. I am curious how our members feel about this issue and welcome any feedback to pass along.

Lastly, there was a discussion about private boaters assisting the Forest Service in weed management. It would allow private boaters an opportunity to be on the Main Salmon, without a permit, for a week helping with a wonderful cause of reducing those noxious weeds. Feedback from the members is also welcomed.

It was a wonderful week of learning so much about our rivers and an experience that I will carry with me forever. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the IWA!

Cabarton Launch Ramp

By Howard Miller

Here's a little exciting news for the Cabarton Launch! Valley County installed steps alongside the boat slide, and did some work at the base of the slide, in order to stabilize the river bank. This is being paid for with money that boaters paid to launch their boats, along with a grant from the Wild Rivers License Plate fund. More work is planned, and Larry Laxson, the Valley County Parks Manager is always interested in receiving input from users. This launch is getting more popular and we as the users, need to do all that we can to make sure that everyone has a good time, and the impact to the area is kept to a minimum. A lot of erosion has already occurred on the river bank. We have talked with Larry about improving the downstream ramp to make it more useable and to install another slide upstream of the existing one. You can help by pitching in for the launch fee and buying the Wild Rivers License Plate!

Annual Used Equipment Sale Recap

By Jennifer Atteberry

On April 25th, 2015 the Idaho Whitewater Association hosted its Annual Used Equipment Sale (UES). This sale marks the largest fundraiser for the IWA each year. This was our third year of using the online system and even with the bumps, it keeps getting easier for all of us as organizers, and for you as the seller.

This year, the UES saw a major change! Due to the construction surrounding Idaho River Sports, the 2015 UES was moved to Cascade Outfitters/Maravia on 45th St. in Boise. I would like to take a moment to extend a huge thanks to Angela Sherman, Renee Zettle, and the rest of the staff at Cascade Outfitters for their assistance with this year's UES. There was an incredible amount of preparation work needed in order to have this event at your location. We appreciate all of your support to the IWA.

Another change this year, was the addition of more local vendors from the Boise area. This year we had booths representing items for sale at: Idaho River Sports, Alpenglow, Score Outdoors, Outdoor Exchange, Backcountry Pursuit, BigHolla, BANANAink, and Class V Adventure Gear. Thank you for joining in on our fun! It was a pleasure to meet some new faces and add some diversity to our sale. We are hoping to expand with even more local vendors next year!

A huge thanks to Crooked Fence who surprised us by showing up to the UES and providing our hard working volunteers with ice cold beers.

We also had so much fun giving away free SWAG last year, that we decided to continue the fun in 2015 with hourly games of Rock, Paper, Scissors. The winners walked away with bags of killer stuff.

As you clean out your gear for the season and purchase new gear, please consider selling your used quality outdoor gear at the next UES sale, which will be held in April of 2016. Not only do you put some cash in your pockets, but you also support the Idaho Whitewater Association!

Last, but not least, this sale could not happen without the incredible help we get from our IWA member volunteers. Thanks again for all of your assistance!



The line waiting for the sale to open.



Shoppers!!



The view from the roof of some of our vendors, kayaks, canoes, and various inflatable's for sale.

2015 Used Equipment Sale Specs

127 registered sellers
75 of those sellers sold items
2159 items registered
860 items sold

Over \$50,000 in outdoor gear was sold in one day!!

Upcoming IWA Events

July

11th, 2015 - **Safety Saturday** 10am - 1pm *Main Payette*

October

3rd, 2015 - **Adopt a Highway Cleanup** 9am *Beehive Takeout*

3rd, 2015 - **Member Float!!** Following the Adopt a Highway Cleanup *Banks to Beehive*

November

4th, 2015 - **1st Member Meeting** 7pm *Location TBA*

December

2nd, 2015 - **IWA Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.** 7pm *Idaho River Sports*

January

6th, 2016 - **Annual Member Meeting and Board Elections.** 7pm *Cascade Outfitters*

Not getting IWA emails? Please message Sig at sigjensen@yahoo.com and let her know!!

Lochsa River Madness Recap

By Howard Miller

Lochsa River Madness 2015 is in the books and it was another great year. The water wasn't huge, but the Lochsa River always delivers the carnage. Flows stayed pretty steady this year at just under 4 feet on the bridge gauge. For comparison purposes, last year it hit 10 feet! Regardless, I got flipped for the first time in "The Falls"!



Photos by Natalie Schleicher

This was the second year the IWA has hosted the Movie Night Competition, and we had some really great submissions. Congrats to the winner, Josh Elkind, from Portland, OR, for the winning submission, "Lochsa Dragon Riders". His movie was hilarious, creative, and well done. Our runner up submission was by Becky Nunn. She created a great compilation of the weekends carnage. Those videos can both be seen on the LRM Facebook page, or find links to them on the IWA Facebook page. Thanks also to Scotty Laxson and Karen Soracco for the time and effort put forth into their submissions. Last, but not least, a big thank you to Natalie Schleicher! You took some incredible photos from the weekend and we have enjoyed looking at them.

We are always looking for ways to make the LRM Movie Night fun and exciting, so if you have movies that we could show next year, please bring them on a thumb drive. Thanks again to all of our sponsors that made the night fun for all: AIRE, Big Holla, Cascade Outfitters, Idaho River Sports, NRS, Crooked Fence, and of course, The Idaho Whitewater Association!!

Becoming Dirtbag: A Young Persons Story of Finding Whitewater and the Idaho Whitewater Association.

By Dylan Delamotte

Web blog post DBP Magazine Online: <http://dbpmaqazineonline.blogspot.com/2015/04/becoming-dirtbag-young-person-story-of.html>

21 April, 2015

I'm underwater... Don't breathe.... I'm okay..... I am alive..... I was in awe when my eyes met the sun again. I took a deep and much appreciated breathe. For you see I'd just had my first swim. Not even in the great state of Idaho for 12 hrs and I'd felt the effects of failure in a rapid. From that moment on, the river was my mistress and she would prove to be a wet ride. Almost one month later I would paddle the Lochsa River in a 50+ year high, and I would also swim the Lochsa River at a 50+year high. The swim was strong and brutal, pushing and pulling with forces unknown to me. A respect for the power of moving water was forged that weekend.

"Time and time again I throw myself into a boat to feel the rush of water crushing over top of me. I love it, every second of it. Put me right in the front and I will move this boat for you I swear. My body and mind align and I connect with grenades of water exploding around me. This is the life for me." This was me then.

I would soon aspire to guide and lead crews down the river, continually learning to read water. I would collect on a wealth of knowledge that surrounded me, a lifetime's worth of river experience. Each person bringing a piece of information or resources to help accomplish my goals. I was given a boat to run and a crew to paddle, and I must say, it felt good.

From that first swim to where I am now, I've had a large group of individuals to thank for their support of a mutual dream all river rats have in common ~ To be on a river. The guidance and support I've received in the past 12 months have proved to have a great effect on a young paddler such as myself. A community of friends I now call family, and the support of the Idaho Whitewater Association have helped me accomplish so much in a mere 12 months. Now I'm hitting world class whitewater, running my own boat in waters well beyond anything I could've ever imagined being capable of doing.

I say these things because I am a true believer in the love and kindness we all share with one another. I have seen what several like minded individuals can accomplish in a world often unseen by the public. When we talk in numbers our voices are heard far more clearly. Our fight for the river rights and freedoms we all love so much become stronger, and the ability to connect and share knowledge and experience is enhanced dramatically.



Photo by Eric Evans Photography

I have great aspirations in the world of whitewater and I know there is a community behind each and every one of us, pushing and guiding us to the next challenge, the next hole, the next wallace, and the next river. I would like to invite all paddlers to reach out to your local Whitewater Associations and organizations. Each and every one of us has a tool to bring to the table and together we may accomplish much more than we could have ever imagined.

I like to think I was born for this, but in reality I just met the right people at the right time, stuck my hand out and said, "Hello my name is Dylan."

Other Member News

Life Flight Membership Discounts

Once again, IWA has secured the special discounted rate of only **\$45** per family/per year (a **25% savings**) to the Life Flight Network for IWA members. This is almost your yearly membership to the IWA in savings! Life Flight Network is a nationally recognized, not for profit air medical service with 16 bases in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana. If EMS or healthcare providers determine that air medical transport is needed, your membership protects you and your family from having any out-of-pocket expenses. Life Flight Network works directly with your insurance company for their portion of the payment, and the rest is covered by your membership. The short and easy application is available at the monthly member meetings or by request for interested IWA members.

Thank You to Bill Sedivy



and protect our beloved rivers.

We, at the Idaho Whitewater Association wish to take a minute to express our sincere gratitude for all of the hard work and effort that you have provided to the boating community of Idaho for the past 16 years. Idaho Rivers United has grown under your leadership, and us river people appreciate and acknowledge all that you have done to preserve

You will be missed at the helm of Idaho Rivers United, as well as missed by the entire boating community that you have become such an integral part of. We wish you so much luck on your future endeavors.

Again, from all of us at the Idaho Whitewater Association, a heartfelt thank you for all of your hard work. We look forward to seeing you on the river!

Thank You to AIRE!

On May 2nd, 2015 AIRE donated 2 custom river couches to the Idaho Whitewater Association and Idaho Rivers United. All proceeds from the raffle tickets sold at the AIRE Factory Store Grand Opening event benefited our 2 great organizations. We cannot thank you enough for your support!!



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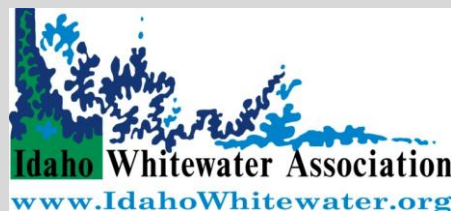


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Our Mission

The purpose of the Idaho Whitewater Association, Inc. (hereafter, IWA) shall be to promote the appreciation, understanding, and safe recreational use of the whitewater river resources within the State of Idaho among its members and the general public, and to inform the members of issue affecting whitewater rivers and their use. In essence, the IWA is for whitewater boaters and paddlers, who have a passion and experience in whitewater and others who desire to explore that passion.





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____ Safety Saturday; ____ Guest Speaker; ____ Board of Directors; ____ Newsletter; ____ Getting Sponsors;
____ Adopt A Highway; ____ Social Media/Graphic Design; ____ Lochsa River Madness

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