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# On The Eddy Line

December  
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## Next meeting January 10th



**Cascade River Gear**  
604 E. 45<sup>th</sup> St., Garden City

**Board Elections – Vote for your IWA Board. Volunteer for the IWA Board. Bring your beverage & chair.**  
*More details enclosed.*

**Note: Please check your renewal date next to the mailing address.**  
**IWA is only as strong as our members and we need you!**



Check one:

- New Membership
- Renewal

**JOIN!! IWA Annual Membership Dues**  
**\$20 Individual / \$25 Family**  
**MEMBERS! PLEASE VERIFY YOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check one:  Individual Membership (\$20)  
 Family Membership (\$25) - # in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check ALL that apply:

- Raft
- Cataract
- Canoe-whitewater
- Canoe-touring
- Kayak- whitewater
- Kayak-touring
- Kayak-inflatable
- SUP
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in Volunteering

- Spring Equipment Sale
- Safety Saturday
- Other

Adopt-a-Highway

- Board of Directors
- Lochsa River Madness

Social Media/Newsletter

- Sponsoring IWA
- Guest Speaker

## A Paddler's Dream Come True

By Marc W. McCord

Before moving to Idaho in early 2016, my experience on its rivers was limited to a single Main Salmon trip in July, 2012, which it was one of the most exciting trips I have ever done. So, I jumped at the chance to move here last year knowing that world class whitewater opportunities awaited. Even though many of the reaches here are well beyond my skill set, because there are plenty of others that I can enjoy.



2016, at 778.58 miles paddled, was a little short of my annual goal of at least 1,000 miles. A milestone I have reached in 16 of the last 20 years. The other four being drought years when my Texas rivers were just too low to paddle, as were the rivers in surrounding states. But 2017 got off to a roaring start in late March with a trip to Colorado for three days on the Gunnison and North Fork of the Gunnison, immediately followed by 10 days on Arkansas' Buffalo National River.

*Photo: San Marcos River, Texas.*

By April 9, I was already at 204.58 miles, and on April 21, I began my Idaho paddling season on the Lower Payette between Black Canyon Dam and the Snake River on a 39.2 mile run that I completed in my SOAR S12 in 5 hours 41 minutes at 12,400 cfs. By June 29, I had done 9 Lower Payette runs. The fastest being 4 hours 32 minutes at 8.71 mph at 16,800 cfs. During this same time I also made runs on the Snake between Swan Falls Dam and SH 45, Nyssa to Payette and the Lower Weiser, logging 586.18 miles by June 29.

My Idaho "whitewater" season began on July 1, on the Cabarton section of the North Fork of the Payette, which was the first of 45 runs through September 4, along with a few runs on the Main Payette and the North Fork above Cabarton Road. My Cabarton runs are done for a variety of reasons including close proximity to my Gem County home, the excitement and the fact that I really don't know many people here and have not been invited to join trips on other rivers. The Lower Owyhee (Rome to Leslie Gulch) is on my list of trips in 2018, and I would love to get back to the Main Salmon. Big Mallard and Vinegar Creek Rapids owe me for the maytagging I got the first time I ran them.

On September 9, I took off for Montana to meet my friends from Buffalo. Including Bob Tucker, cousin to the owner of SOAR Inflatables. A 10-day trip, 153.67 miles on the Upper Missouri River. That was a super trip which started with paddling in forest fire smoke, cold and rain and finally in sunny, nearly warm weather with strong winds – a little bit of everything EXCEPT whitewater, none of which was to be found, though the scenery was awesome. It was a trip back in time along the trail of Lewis and Clark, which we did in 8 paddling days with 2 layover days for exploration.

By the end of the trip on September 21, I logged 1,252.78 miles for the year with more than a quarter still to go!  
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## Thoughts from the President:

As some of you know ... I received the baton from Scott and became the President of the IWA's Board of Directors in November.

I have been a member of the IWA since 2007. Enjoying all events hosted by each year's Board. Occasionally sending emails to the Board suggesting ideas ... in response I often got "Cris you should join the Board." Mostly chicken of speaking in front of everyone I sat on the side lines and volunteered for the Used Equipment Sale each April. This past election, which was put off till March due to cancelation of the January Member's Meeting because of Boise's Snowmageden, the previous Board had volunteered their time for several years and were ready to step down. After building up some courage I did it ... I ran for the Board. I stood there in front of everyone holding Jamie's hand, my heart racing with my face bright red! I was one of a few that ran as Board members so there wasn't an actual election. I only knew a couple of the 2017-2018 Board. Since then I've gotten to know some great humans. We are a great team! In just a few short weeks we were responsible for the biggest event ... the Spring Equipment Sale and we rocked it!!

I found my place on the Board within the first few weeks. I am a planner. I enjoy getting folks together, raising money for something I believe in and volunteering for a fun organization. I admit I was very nervous, but I am super excited about being the President of the IWA.

Yes, it's a commitment but if you have a few hours a month to donate to something that you enjoy ... why not be helpful? We meet monthly, sometimes twice, to collaborate, plan and make decisions about what the IWA will be accomplishing that year. You too should consider joining the Board to help keep this organization going strong. After all, it wasn't *that* bad standing in front of my friends that evening!!

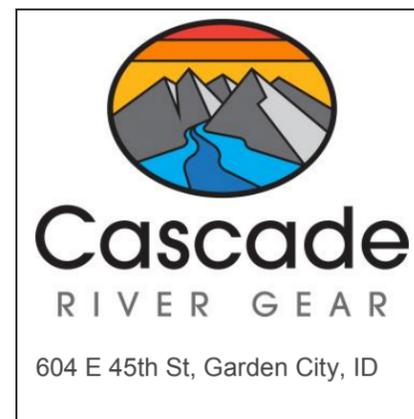
Here's to being the IWA President & here's to you!!  
Cheers, Cris Riggs

## Annual Members' Meeting & Elections January 10th at Cascade River Gear

This meeting is likely one of the most important meetings to attend!  
Become a voice on the IWA Board of Directors.  
Be a voice as a member and vote for the IWA Board Members.

Doors open at 6 o'clock. Meeting starts at 7 o'clock.  
Bring your favorite beverage. Bring your chair.  
IWA will provide a light dinner.

Interested in joining the team as an IWA Board member?  
Checkout our website [www.idahowhitwater.net](http://www.idahowhitwater.net)  
Complete the Election Application and email to us at [contact@idahowhitwater.net](mailto:contact@idahowhitwater.net).



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cris Riggs  
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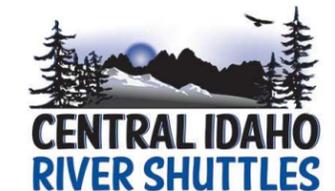


Calendar sales \$15 or 2/\$25



Idaho Whitewater 2018 Calendar  
"Sometimes the wrong way is the only way" Greg Senior

## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS!



### 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.

## *A Paddler's Dream Come True ... continued from page 1*

I hope to exceed 1,500 miles before December 31, if I can find some rivers with enough water to do some marathon trips. Having been a marathon canoe racer, I live for long trips, some of which don't take much time to complete if water conditions are sufficient. My gear is always packed and ready to go whenever the opportunity arises.

As the publisher of Southwest Paddler (<http://southwestpaddler.com/>) I routinely post trip reports and photos of my favorite trips. There is not much I would prefer to do than paddle my canoe down a gorgeous river, which is what I love living in Idaho. This state has the best whitewater and the prettiest rivers I have ever paddled, and there are so many to explore. There is a certain solitude and contentment that I find while in my canoes that transcends the troubles of the world. The greatest joy, for me, is sharing beautiful rivers with other paddlers. I have been a professional guide since 2000, leading many trips for Boy and Girl Scouts, church and school groups, and company groups all over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana, but none of them compare to a bumpy ride down a wild and wet whitewater river, which is why I will probably be here in Idaho for a while.



So, if you have an opening for a trip somewhere and need somebody to join it, then please let me know. It is always a pleasure meeting and paddling with new friends and sharing stories of trips and places we have been. We get to see the world the way over 99% of people never will, and that is our reward for being paddlers.

*Photo: Marc in Howard's Plunge*

### **Successful Adopt- a -Hwy Cleanup**

***Teresa Roundy***

The fall 2017 Adopt-a-Hwy river cleanup went well. Seven helpful members attended and collected 8 bags of trash along HWY 55. It was a sunny crisp morning that grew warmer by the hour making the time lapse effortless. The crew pieced together a shattered ice chest spanning a half mile along the road side. They also found Buzz Lightyear, a kayak float, a RV air vent cover, a hubcap, a motorcycle license plate and a black beanie. Marc took home a \$50 Idaho River Sports gift certificate for finding the most interesting object – not too bad for a couple hours of volunteer work to help keep the Payette river and Beehive Bend clean. Look forward to seeing you at the Spring cleanup!

## **Upcoming Events:**

Annual Member Meeting & Election	01/10/2018	Cascade River Gear
Annual Member Dutch Oven & River Food Cookoff	02/07/2018	Cascade River Gear
Member Meeting & River Predictions	03/07/2018	AIRE Factory Store
Member Movie Night	04/05/2018	Idaho River Sports
Spring Equipment Sale	04/28/2018	Maravia Warehouse
Adopt-a-Hwy Cleanup	05/12/2018	Beehive Bend
Lochsa River Madness	05/26-28/2018	Wilderness Gateway
Safety Saturday	07/14/2018	Main Payette River



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## **BECOME PART OF THE IDAHO WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TODAY ...**

Do you enjoy planning events? Are you a whitewater / outdoor advocate? Do you enjoy sharing your whitewater safety skills with others? Are you interested in doing something for the community? Will you enjoy writing articles for the IWA newsletters? Are you a creative thinker? Is fundraising your thing? Enjoy cooking? Excited about IWA? Are you passionate about Idaho rivers?

### **WE NEED YOU!!**

There are open positions on the IWA Board that can be filled at any time. If you have an interest in helping IWA remain a strong organization, please consider donating sometime today.

Our annual elections are coming up at the member's meeting in January at Cascade River Gear. If you like what IWA is doing now and/or would like to see a change, be voice on the Board. Please join the Board!!

*The IWA is only as good as it's members, volunteers & Board members!*

## **ANNUAL DUTCH OVEN & RIVER FOOD COOKOFF ~ February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Not a Dutch Oven expert but want to compete in the cookoff?? Grab the stove & cast iron skillet and head down to Cascade River Gear this February for a chance to earn the ultimate bragging rights & a CRG gift certificate. Must be a member to compete. Members taste and judge for FREE! Not a member ... join on site or pay \$10 to judge. Bring your appetite, your favorite beverage & your chair. Donations are much appreciated for the cooks!! *Email recipe entries:* [contact@idahowhitewater.net](mailto:contact@idahowhitewater.net)

## **It's Time to Start Thinking About River Trips**

If you enjoy Idaho's rivers then you most likely have the 4 Rivers Lottery application dates embedded in your head. Many of you may already have your Permit Party planned with your favorite rafting buds. As if we need an excuse to get together and tell river stories! Good luck on getting your dream river permit!

The Selway River, (Wild Main) Salmon River, Hells Canyon-Snake River, and Middle Fork of the Salmon River (aka 4 Rivers) use randomized lottery drawings to assign launch reservations for their control (primary) seasons. Remember too, the beautiful Rogue River in Oregon is online now also.

**To apply for permits visit, <https://www.recreation.gov/>**

*Acceptance of Four Rivers Lottery applications begins annually on December 1 and closes on January 31 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.*



### **The 4 Rivers Lottery Control (Primary) seasons:**

- **Selway River: May 15 - July 31**
- **Hells Canyon-Snake River: Friday before Memorial Day - Sept. 10**
- **Wild Main Salmon River: June 20 - Sept. 7**
- **Middle Fork of the Salmon River: May 28 - Sept. 3**

*All four rivers are part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. To learn more about the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018, visit [www.rivers.gov/wsr50/](http://www.rivers.gov/wsr50/).*