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**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
at 7:00 PM

**Stark Street Pizza**  
9234 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR 97216

**RIVER TIP**

Submitted by Tom Hanson

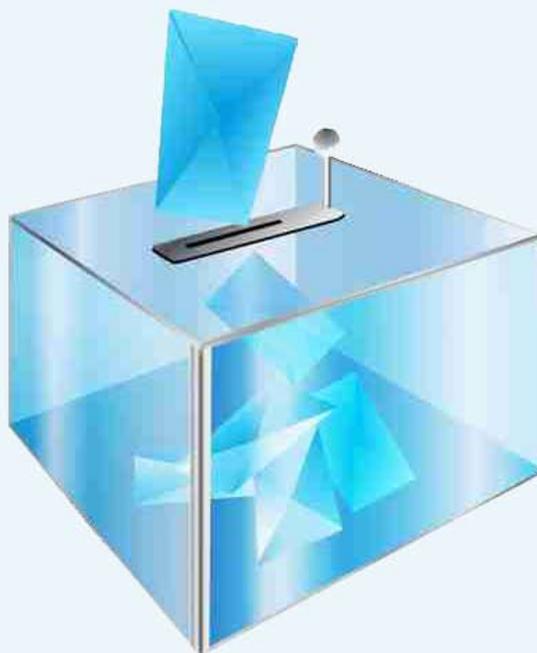
When beaching or tying up a boat for the night, avoid having the boat rub against rocks, branches or other boats. Such abrasion overnight can cause a wear hole in the boat's fabric. If one end of the boat is bobbing up and down in the water, something might be rubbing!



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It's time to vote for OWA President, Secretary and Membership director.

Please email your nomination to any OWA board member or click on the link below.

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## Running Upper Wind River in Kayaks

July 30, 2010 • Submitted by Brent Davis

**B**ruce Reed (in a hardshell kayak), Doug Smith and I (IKs) paddled the Upper Wind River at 2.77 feet (phone gauge). The hydraulics were mellow and we had to pick our way down the entire run, criss-crossing the channel to find boatwide slots, but we managed to run, scoot and bounce through the entire section without a portage. We've got plenty of new scratches on the bottoms and sides of our boats. There were lots of fun, fast strings of two- to three-foot drops, demanding continuous technical paddling, broken by eddys and small pools to re-group and pick the line through the next drop. Rams Horn and Climax were still serious business, but we all hit clean lines. It took five hours to finish the run with about five scouts and a lunch stop.

My newer Lynx seemed to have a bit of a deeper draft than Doug's older Lynx (which has bigger tubes), so I was stuck more often (including a few good wraps), but if a bounce or a scoot couldn't get the boat free, it was safe to just climb out, stand in the river and sort things out.



Doug Smith



A canyon full of rocks

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We pulled two intact oars off the bottom of the river.

We left a blue Carlsile with a six-inch red blade with the name "Doug Green" written on it on the right bank below Balls to the Wall Right (Doug dove down about seven feet to bring that one up)

and a blue cataract with a magnum blade and a Posi-Locker sleeve on the left bank below Balls to the Wall left.

All in all it was a great day in a beautiful canyon. I'd do it again (next year) but maybe try to hit it at three feet.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**BRENDA BUNCE**

Fellow Club Members,

Join us for fun and pizza on November 10 at our new location at Stark Street Pizza at 9234 SE Stark Street. Bruce Ripley and Rick Carman will each give us a 30-minute trip report presentation. Bruce's trip report: Deep Creek/East Fork Owyhee River and Rick on the Middlefork of the Salmon River.

In June 2010 Bruce Ripley and four friends packed up and floated an upper section of the Owyhee River which included Deep Creek, the East Fork of the Owyhee, and the Owyhee River. This 90-mile trip started on Mud Flat road in Idaho and ended at Three Forks Oregon, which is the traditional put-in for the Owyhee "widowmaker" run. This trip is Class III-VI depending on what you paddle and it runs through the heart of the Owyhee River Wilderness area. It is seldom run due to it's remote location and the number of portages involved, in our case six. The East Fork of the Owyhee river heads up in Northern Nevada, flows northwest into Idaho and joins with the South Fork to form the Main Owyhee just east of the Oregon border. Highlights of the trip include creek boating through willows, remote high desert scenery, deep basalt canyons, several portages over waterfalls and rockfalls, and portaging boats over the last Class V rapid on the river on a cable installed nearly 60 years ago for lining drift boats.

Also, it's not too late to order your OWA T-shirt. Just go to <http://www.xgtees.com/design.htm> and pick out your color, style and size and we will put the new logo and slogan on it. All t-shirts are \$15.00. Or you can purchase pre-ordered shirts at the club meetings each month.

Get your nominations in for the new officer positions of President, Secretary and Membership Director by November 10th . Email your nomination to [board@oregonwhitewater.org](mailto:board@oregonwhitewater.org). We will then take your votes on-line beginning November 11th and take the final vote and count at the December 8th club meeting. Look for the ballot form in your inbox.

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OWA's treasurer's balance is \$6,474.00 as of July 31st, 2010.

See you at Stark Street Pizza,  
Brenda Bunce

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in a special way.

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you don't feel

like speaking

*~Joan Walsh Anglund,  
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## Trip Report: Middle Fork of the Salmon, Part III

Submitted by Rick Carman

In the first two parts, I forgot to mention something that would become very significant later on. Our trip was actually a Middle-Main combo. Most of the group would float all the way to Carey Creek on the Main, another 80 miles. Tom Riggs and Dave Audet were going to drive to the Middle Fork take out (which is on the Main) and join the trip on the Main. Four of us were going to load our boats and gear into Tom's HD pickup and drive home from the Middle Fork. This meant that the cars belonging to those of us on the Middle Fork had been shuttled to White Bird Idaho for safekeeping and would then be shuttled to



Carey Creek for the Main take-out. It is a 10-hour drive from the Middle Fork take out to the Main take out. I believe it is the longest shuttle in North America.

Day Three ended with the group safely at Shelf Camp one mile above Loon Creek. Rob made a great Mexican dinner, we had a couple of margaritas and watched the log parade pass as rain showers continued. All shapes and sizes of logs. It was surprisingly entertaining, especially the fact that you could almost set your watch, if you had one, by the regularity of them passing by.

There is a pack trail on river right passing above our camp. Three of our intrepid travelers hiked the mile or so down the trail to Loon Creek and then the three quarters of a mile up the Loon Creek trail to the really fabulous hot springs. They returned shortly before dark reporting the in two places the trail was under water and they had to wade through. It is also important to remember that at the confluence of Loon Creek and the Middle Fork is a large

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**Loon Creek is always a large creek. Today it was a small river.**

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ranch with an air strip and an occupied dwelling.

Morning Four dawned cool and sunny. The river had risen another foot and was at 8.5 or so. And the log parade continued on. We had breakfast and waited awhile to see if the logs would stop or the water drop or both. Neither showed any sign of happening so it was decided we would lay over. This meant a



37-mile Day Five and the concern that another group may have scheduled Shelf Camp for that night. But we had seen only one other group and figured the Boundary Creek launch site was probably shut down.

A lazy morning followed with wet gear and clothes hung up all over the place. At one point, Robby walked by, looked at my three-man REI tent and said it was identical to the tent he and Brie had. I looked over at their big 6-8 man department store tent and just nodded. Later on Brie walked by and noted that she and Robby had the exact same tent as mine. I looked at their tent again and she must have noticed the quizzical look on my face. So she said she would show me. We walked over to their tent, she pulled back the large door and there was a tent, just like mine, pitched inside their large tent. The large tent had been leaking so up went the small tent inside. Maybe you had to be there but we all found it highly amusing to see a tent in a tent.

A quarter mile upstream from Shelf Camp is a pack bridge across the River. In the cool morning sun three of us hiked up the trail

and out onto the bridge to watch the logs go by. At some point, I thought about the log jam at Pistol Creek a few years ago and hoped that all the logs were going straight through, down the Middle Fork, Main and the Snake all the way to Lewiston rather than piling up downstream to wait for us.

After lunch most of us took off for Loon Creek. The trail goes up and down and sure enough, in two of the low spots the water was over the trail and over knee deep at one of the spots. While we headed up Loon Creek, Mark crossed the bridge to the ranch. Turns out he could contact the outside world from there and get the river flow and other information. I am still not sure if he had a sat phone or used the radio at the ranch house or what. Loon Creek is always a large creek. Today it was a small river. You could have run a small raft down it but squeezing under the bridge would have been very tight.

Up at the hot springs, the sun was shining and the water was warm and wonderful. The hot water flows out of a pipe into what is essentially a really

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## OWA Club Meetings - Venue Change

Submitted by Scott Ogren

### SUMMARY

After a lot of thought and a lot of input from you, the club members, the OWA club meetings will now be held at Stark Street Pizza at SE 92nd and Stark.

#### **Stark Street Pizza**

9234 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR 97216

All meetings that were previously scheduled to be at Round Table Pizza will now be held at Stark Street Pizza. Thanks to all of the club members who provided their input. We considered every comment and weighed what everyone had to say, and in the end the OWA Board felt this move will be good for the club overall.

### THE FULL STORY

At the October OWA meeting, Bruce Ripley posed a question to those at the meeting. He asked if the location where we have held most of our meetings for the past several years was the best location for all of the members. He made a map of where all of the Portland area club members live and presented it to us; also noted on the map were the Round Table Pizza and a proposed new location – Stark Street Pizza.

The Board asked the same question to the general membership. By an overwhelming majority of the club members, we are moving the OWA club meetings to Stark Street Pizza. In the previous email, I made a mistake regarding the location of Stark Street Pizza – it is at SE 92nd and Stark, not at SE 122nd and Stark.

Between the last club meeting and the online survey, we had a total of 52 people make their opinion known on this issue. Thanks to all who let the Board

know what you think. This is your club and we are working to find ways to make it work better for you, and to do that we need to know your opinion on club-related issues.

We asked the opinion of people both at the October club meeting and then online. The vote tally at the meeting was 10 for staying at Round Table and 21 for holding meetings at Stark Street. The online vote tally was 6 for staying at Round Table, 21 for moving to Stark Street and 4 people had no preference, meaning their attendance pattern wouldn't change no matter where the meetings were held. Doing the math, 16 people want to continue to hold the meetings at Round Table while 32 people said Stark Street Pizza is the better choice.

While we anticipate the move to Stark Street Pizza to be more or less a permanent move, it doesn't have to be. If things don't work out for some reason, we can move again. This is a move to try to be in a more convenient location for more

club members. A majority of the club members live and/or work on the east side of town, or have easy enough access to get to the east side, so this move deserves to at least be tried out.

When we decided to look at changing meeting venues, there were several criteria that a new meeting location needed to have:

- The management needed to be easy to work with
- It needed to be in a location where a majority of the members would likely have easy access to (close to a major freeway) and near where most people live and/or work
- Ample parking
- Private room capable of holding at least 75 people
- Inexpensive food (pizza), so the club can continue to pay for it

Stark Street Pizza seems to meet all of these criteria, and a majority of the club seems to agree. If you look around the Portland area and start making a list of places that meet all of these criteria, your list will be very short. There are plenty of locations that meet some or even most of these criteria, but Stark Street Pizza seems to meet all of the criteria the best.

We have also considered alternating meeting locations between Round Table and Stark Street Pizza. We are reluctant to change meeting locations each month because that might get confusing. That could be worked out in the future, but for now the club meeting location will be at Stark Street Pizza. If there is enough interest to rotate club meetings in the future, we can have that discussion then.

## Middle Fork of the Salmon, Part III

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big wooden bath tub. The temperature varies depending on where you sit. Most everyone else had brought beer except Yours Truly. But Jeff became my BFF, offering me a cold microbrewed IPA from Colorado that he packed from camp. I actually got a sunburn sitting there in the warm water with a great group of people, sipping a cold beer with Loon Creek roaring by just a few feet away. Life is good. I felt a tinge of guilt at the thought of my wife fearing for my life as there we sat there in outdoor heaven.

Eventually we hiked and waded back to camp. Mark was there and announced that he, Donna, his passenger (an all around great rafter with a marvelous sense of humor) and Sandi had decided to fly out, rather than continue.



Mark had arranged for a plane to fly in from McCall on Tuesday to pick them up at the Loon Creek airstrip. Too much water and too many logs. Hard to argue with their decision. We spent the next few hours splitting up kitchen gear, group gear and food, since both groups had at least a couple of days left. I asked Dave if he was ok to row the Maravia the next day so I could continue to row Sandi's and he agreed to do so. My excuse was I wanted to

save her the approximately \$400 it would take to fly out her boat, but my real interest was in keeping the main kitchen with us. And I did not really realize how bad Dave's shoulder was. The plane would fly the three departing members and Mark's boat to McCall Idaho.

The sun succeeded in drying out my tent and the weather looked promising so I took it down, packed it up and set up my cot for the first time. Another fine meal, a few adult beverages and off to bed as the logs continued to wander by. As I faded off to sleep I remembered that great speech Morgan Freeman gave near the end of the movie *Glory*. On the eve of a likely suicidal attack on the port of Charleston, South Carolina, he was saying to the newspaper reporters, "If tomorrow be the great gitten up morning, if tomorrow be the judgment day, we want you to let our folks know that we died facing the enemy, that we went down standing up." Okay, maybe a little melodramatic but I always loved that scene. The next morning the river was back down to 7.5 feet and the log parade had stopped. Just some wood chips and branches. Thirty-seven miles to go. Time to get going. We had a long and exciting day ahead. Way too exciting as it turned out.

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Submitted by Josephine Denison

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11.12-11.14 Fri-Sun	Rogue River	III/IV	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785

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