

# Salmon River News

## *Hello From the 45th Parallel!*

Salmon enjoyed a warm fall with beautiful colors and perfect fishing weather. We even experienced a week of Indian summer in November! But, Old Man winter came to Salmon this week; the thermometer read eleven below this morning - brrr... The heat emanating from the wood stove makes us long for the hot days and warm nights we enjoyed with many you on the river last summer. We celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and family reunions – thanks for making Silver Cloud a part of your vacation plans! For the first time this year, we focused an entire trip menu on beer and food pairings thanks to Eric Dunlap and the folks at award winning Red Rock Brewing Company in Salt Lake City, Utah. We look forward to next summer and hope you can join us on the Salmon River.

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*"Still think of y'all often and am still telling everyone how magical it all was..."*

Judy Downing, Austin, TX

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*Fishermen Pops & Woody with an exceptional catch!*

## **Steelhead Fishing**

Fishing this fall was incredible! Great ocean conditions produced the largest run of steelhead ever on the Salmon River and *we were there...* Expert fishing guide Loren Anderson predicts that next spring's fishing will be amazing, maybe a once in a lifetime event. Chris can't wait to get out there and beat 'em up so don't miss out – give us a call. We can usually count on fishing by mid- to late February.

**Salmon Fishing:** We enjoyed the first salmon fishing season in over 30 years in June and July. Predictions are for another season in 2010 - give us a call...



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*"My son Kyle and I went rafting with you several years ago. Kyle always tells me not a day goes by that he doesn't think about the rafting trip."*

Tom Purcell, Shalimar, FL

*"Thank you for a fabulous time. The rafting trip by far was the best trip I have taken."*

Ricky Caruolo, Cranston, RI

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## ***Did You Know?***

Salmon River salmon and steelhead travel over 1,500 miles round trip to the ocean and back to their spawning grounds. They migrate farther than any other fish on earth to spawn. Our average steelhead is 27 inches long and weighs 7 lbs. Salmon average 35 inches and 17 lbs.

The Lemhi Shoshone who lived and hunted in the Salmon River country called themselves the *Agai Dika* or "Salmon Eaters"

## Crew News

Longtime guide, **Tom Dieffenbach** is a new grandpa! Welcome to new grandson, Ace, who was born this fall. Tom has taught American Falls High School students biology, anatomy and astronomy since 1981 and continues to be one of the top science teachers in the state. He found time this fall to take a private trip on Hell's Canyon with a couple of old Silver Cloud guides, **Steve Herzog** and **John Hengish**. We hear it was very exciting - you'll have to ask Tom to tell you the stories... If you were out on the Salmon River steelhead fishing this fall, you might have been able to drop a line with **Breann Westfall**. She is the Stewardship Coordinator for the Lemhi Land Trust, a local nonprofit dedicated to preserving tradi-



tional landscapes in the county. Breann can't wait for Lost Trail to open; she plans on spending most of her winter free time there and in the surrounding high country. She's already looking forward to running high water on northwest rivers in the spring... By the time you receive this, **Heidi Ando** will have completed ski instructor classes in Alberta, Canada and be gainfully employed at Snow Valley in Edmonton. You're probably wondering *why* Heidi is up north. Her boyfriend is going to school in Edmonton...you get the rest! In her own words: "I'm pretty much putting my Recreation major to use by becoming a professional ski bum and moving to Canada which has been a major dream of mine... *Caveman* **Jamie Zahner** spent this fall putting a guest bedroom on his house. He's looking forward to carving turns at Jackson Hole this winter where he'll work avalanche reduction and on the auxiliary ski patrol... University of Idaho student, **Zach Westfall** is going to school full-time working on a natural resources degree although he did fit in a Lower Salmon private trip and an elk hunt this fall. Zach plans to take the spring semester off to hit the slopes with his snowboard at Lost Trail. If you are in the high country around Salmon you may run into him there... Lost Trail Ski Patrol assistant director **Norm Ando** plans to spend as much time as possible on the slopes this winter. He and his wife, Marie, bought and remodeled a fixer upper this fall; Norm complains it cut into steelhead fishing time. He guided fishing in Alaska for a couple of weeks in the summer and he and Marie took a trip to Mexico. It's tough being retired... Salmon High School student body president and Homecoming queen, **Dagny Deutchman**, is looking forward to Lost Trail opening so she can snowboard every weekend. Since this summer she has helped her parents finish their new house – they hope to move in January and enjoy the fruits of their labor. Dagny is taking a class taught by veteran Silver Cloud guide, **Frank Green**. "I may finally have to kiss my 4.0 goodbye because of calculus which is the demise of my soul..." If you are fishing the Shoshone River in Wyoming you may run into **Cody Walter**. He'll work on the mountain maintenance crew at Sleeping Giant Ski Resort in Cody this winter and plans to ski as many mountains in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana as are humanly possible... You'll find **Jerrilee Sever** in her classroom at Salmon Pioneer School teaching Kindergarten through second grade special ed. This fall she, husband Paul and daughter Tessa fit in one last camping weekend at a fire lookout called Peel Tree cabin high up in the timber. She's looking forward to skiing at Lost Trail this winter and attending oldest daughter, Courtney's college graduation in May... You could pick just about any day of the week during steelhead season and find fishing guide, **Loren Anderson**, on the river. If he wasn't putting guests onto fish, he had a rod in

## Recipe Corner

*This is a great recipe for holiday parties...*



### *Bargamin Creek Goat Cheese & Sun-dried Tomato Spread*

11-12 oz. goat cheese                      2/3 cup sun-dried tomato pesto  
8 oz. brick cream cheese                  Crackers or thinly sliced baguette

Cream cheese should be at room temperature. Mix the goat cheese, cream cheese and sun-dried tomato pesto together until incorporated. Serve with crackers or thinly sliced baguette. Enjoy!

## Did You Know?

The 408 mile long  
Salmon River  
is the  
*longest*  
undammed river  
in the lower  
48 states

his hand and most likely fish in his net. Loren did spend 5 weeks in the fall cooking at elk camp – in his own words, “lots of fun and you wouldn’t believe all of the fables and outright lies I hear.” He is re-editing his Dutch oven cookbook this winter; *Mostly Dutch* will not be available on Amazon but if you’re fishing together next spring, you may be able to snag a copy... If you saw someone on a ladder around Silver Cloud headquarters this fall, it must have been **Mary Wright** who thought it was a good idea to paint the outside of the house. She keeps busy as Executive Director of Camp Discovery Idaho – read about this great nonprofit on the right. Along with everyone else on the crew, she can’t wait for ski season... After a short respite from the river season, **Chris Swersey** spent the last two weeks of September in Denver at the Great American Beer Festival where he is Competition Manager. So many beers, so little time... He got back to Idaho and steelhead season was jumping. So many fish, so little time... He’s looking forward to carving turns at Lost Trail this winter and the World Beer Cup in Chicago in April...

We can’t leave out the youngest members of our team! *Swamper* **Connor Swersey** started 5<sup>th</sup> grade football in mid-August and decided pretty quickly that it was much more fun to cream the opposition on defense rather than get creamed on offense. He’s looking forward to shredding on his snowboard at Lost Trail and wrestling in January... *Swamper* **Tessa Sever** kicked off her school year with volleyball; right now her 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team is undefeated going into districts. Tessa is a talented dancer and has gone on point in ballet this year – she loves it! She’s looking forward to skiing on the race team at Lost Trail this winter... If you were on the August 7 trip then you already know that *Swamper* **Duncan Swersey** rowed a boat solo the full 80 mile length of the river for the first time! He also played a full season of football tearing it up on offense and defense. This month Dunc started practicing hoops for 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tryouts in January and can’t wait for snowboard season...

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*“We had a blast on the trip - thanks to all of you for making it so memorable and fun!”*

Jenifer Floyd, Austin, TX

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## Camp Discovery Idaho

This nonprofit organization offers Salmon River adventure programs to teenage and adult cancer survivors free of charge. Those of you who have been there know what great therapy the river and wilderness offer - just imagine the benefits to someone who has been challenged with cancer, its treatment and its lasting after effects. Silver Cloud co-owner Mary Wright has been Executive Director since January 2008. You can learn more about these wonderful programs at [www.campdiscoveryidaho.org](http://www.campdiscoveryidaho.org)

It is not too soon to plan for next summer. Our 2010 trip dates are **June 20, 28; July 6, 14, 22, 30; and August 7, 15, 23 & 31**. The phone has been ringing and trip dates are starting to fill. We’re looking forward to another wonderful whitewater year and hope you can join us - give us a call.

*See you on the river!*  
*Chris & Mary*

### Summer Whitewater Rafting Trip Dates

- Five Day: June 20, 28; July 6, 14, 22, 30; August 7
- Six Day: August 15, 23, 31

~ Charter the above launch dates with your group of 16 or more

### Summer Whitewater Rafting Trip Options

- Boise to Boise (If you’re flying to Boise)
- Salmon to Salmon (If you’re driving to Idaho from the east)
- McCall to McCall (If you’re driving to Idaho from the west)
- Salmon to McCall (If you’re driving to salmon and points west after the trip)

### Spring and Fall Steelhead Fishing Trip Options

- 3 to 6 day Fall Wilderness Fishing (6 person minimum)
- Single day Fall and Spring Driftboat Fishing

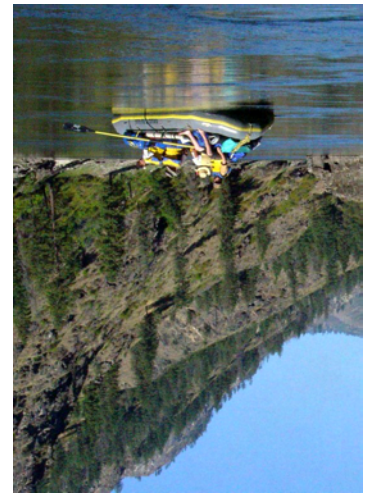
### Summer Whitewater Charter Trips

- Pre and post season dates available
- Minimum group size: 6 or more

~ Please contact us for pricing and details

~ 2009 pricing for 2010 trip deposits received by December 31~

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