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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

JANUARY 17TH, GENERAL MEETING, 180 ROCK ISLAND, E. WENATHCEE, WA 98802

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA: Due to the cancellation of the December General meeting, the January General meeting will have a full agenda. The main focus will be on WSA's involvement in a National Hunting and Fishing Day, the Game Feed, and this year's calendar of events for volunteers to man. We want to get out ahead of the events this year and not have to be scrambling to get volunteers at the last minute. Come and help set the course for the future.

GAME FEED: The Game Feed will be at the Red Lion Inn on February 18th this year. Doors will open at 4:30 PM for admission to the Game Feed. Each person must have a membership/banquet ticket to be admitted. Online orders will pick up their tickets at the venue in a special line. The number of tickets are being reduced for this year, due to the size of the venue, so get your tickets early. Game Feed tickets are on sale at Sportsman's Warehouse, Hooked on Toys, www.wsassoc.org, or Don Millar (509-885-7969). Anyone wanting to reserve a room at the Red Lion Inn for the night or weekend, can call 1-509-663-0711. The Red Lion Inn has graciously given the WSA a special room rate of \$119.00 just for our event. **All reservations must be made before January 28th, 2017.** We are looking forward to a wonderful event and all the accommodations being provided by the Red Lion Inn. We are always looking for help with different functions at the Game Feed. Contact Gene Robards at 509-662-6277 to volunteer. WSA is also looking for donations for the Game Feed. Do you have an artistic or creative talent? We would really like to have your donation to add to the items we will be having for raffles or auctions. Contact Gene Robards (509-662-6277) to get a donation slip.

WDFW: The new hunting and fishing license system is up and running. I found it to be much easier and safer to make my harvest reports. Be sure to report your harvest of big game for 2016. Bald eagles and peregrine falcons have been removed from the state list of "sensitive species." The WDFW has extended the deadline for application on the Department's Master Hunter Advisory Group through January 13th, 2017. There have been very few applications from the East side of the State. See the WDFW website for more information at www.wdfw.wa.gov. The search continues for those responsible for the illegal killing of five elk gunned down in Schnebly Canyon outside of Ellensburg last November. There are rewards of \$9,000.00. Anyone with information should contact the WDFW's Poaching Hotline at (877) 933-9847 or text tips to WDFWTIP Report and send them to 847411. The WDFW is also offering 10 bonus points for special hunts to anyone providing information leading to a conviction.

USFS: For all winter time use of National Forests, please visit the website for the Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest at www.fs.usda.gov. You can then go to a specific Ranger District. Always go prepared for the worst weather you may encounter. It is better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.

STEMILT BASIN: The WSA continues to be a part of the Stemilt Partnership. We have several members who attend the meetings. You will gain a more thorough understanding of what is going on in the Basin, by attending the next general meeting.

SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE: WSA has chosen the East Wenatchee Sportsman's store for the guns and many other items that will be at the 2017 Game Feed. They continue to support the WSA in many different ways.

WINTER TURKEY COUNT: The turkey count information is available with Matt Gutzwiler, for those that have done the count in the past. If this is something you think you would be interested in doing or at least going along for the count, contact Matt at 509-663-1526.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter will have a different look for 2017, thanks to Cashmere Mailing House. Cashmere Mailing House has been printing and mailing the monthly newsletter. I would highly recommend the Cashmere Mailing House for and of your printing and mailing needs.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NEEDED: WSA is moving toward having Committee Chairmen in charge of different events and activities. WSA is in the process of creating an event and activity calendar. We are looking for people who can be responsible for planning a WSA event by acquiring the needed people and equipment, setting-up, seeing the event or activity through, take-down, and any equipment returned and stored.

WEBSITE: The WSA website is offering online sales of membership and banquet ticket. This is an easy way to purchase your ticket without having to leave home. To get to the section for purchase, go to "JOIN US", scroll to the bottom of the page and find the blue box on the left side. Click in that box and it will take it to a SIGN IN section. You will need to create an account before you can login to make a purchase. Once your account has been created, click in the blue Login box, that will open choices to the different type of banquet tickets. Then click on "Add to Cart." This will take you to a new window to select how many tickets you want and how you would like to pay. Click on the PayPal check-out to begin your method of payment. If you have a PayPal account, you can use that, or check out as a PayPal Guest. You will then need to enter all pertinent information and then click on submit. That will take you to a Your Purchase History page. For each ticket purchased, you will need to click the blue box to assign and print each ticket. Be sure to print and keep a copy of each ticket . These will be presented to a check-in person at the Game Feed Banquet at the online sales table.

FACEBOOK: A big thank you to everyone who has participated in the monthly photo contests on the WSA Facebook account. There have been some fantastic photos and comments over the past few months. Thank you to Adam for keeping it going and looking great. Remember, you can click to the website from Facebook and then click back to Facebook from the website.

MISSION RIDGE: Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort is celebrating 50 years of operation. The 2016 season was off to a slow start, but the weather has made up for it in the past few weeks with all the new snow. There is nearly 100% operation of all runs, and the last Saturday of 2016 is the start of Saturday night skiing and the Mountain Music Series. Visit, Missionridge.com for more information.

97-A FENCE: The 97-A fence continues to experience damage from falling debris. However, some unexpected funding came through to make the newest repairs. Winter is hard on the fence and we know that more repairs will be needed by spring time.

DRY LAKE: An effort has been underway this year to regain access to Dry Lake in the Manson area. WSA has committed to funds and some man hours to help with access. The owner of the property has been gracious to allow clean-up and restoration of a parking lot and the path to the lake. There will be work parties to continue these efforts.

WENATCHEE RIVER ACCESS: Many years ago there were several places to access the banks of the Wenatchee River. During a time when no fishing was allowed on the river, several of those accesses that went through private property, were forgotten. When new owners took over those properties most of the accesses were not maintained. For the past few years and effort has been underway to regain those accesses for public use. The combined efforts of different organizations is making headway to allow access to the Wenatchee River. We hope to have a map of these accesses in the near future.

SECTIONS 16 & 22: The documentation to transfer ownership of Sections 16 & 22 have been signed. The WDFW will soon be owners of Sections 16,20,22, & 28 in the Stemilt Basin. Thank you to all the people involved in helping this to happen. It has been a long and difficult road.

Best Regards,

Dan Dickerson

