

# **Randy Stapilus and Greg Smith**

## **Politics and Public Policy with an Idaho perspective**

**Announce a weekly chat room, beginning January 31, 2007:**

### **“Wednesday Wanderings”**

Occurring each Wednesday at 7- 8 p.m. (Mountain time)

“I enjoy discussions on politics and public policy. I wish I could...  
...find others interested in local, statewide, and national subject(s)  
...have these discussions with knowledgeable people  
...do so on a regular basis, and perhaps with an Idaho perspective

If you’ve ever found yourself thinking one or more of these, please join Randy Stapilus, Greg Smith, and participants from the Treasure Valley, around Idaho, and the nation each Wednesday, beginning January 31, in a chat room called **“Wednesday Wanderings”**. Topics might range from key national and local issues, the Idaho Legislature and Governor Otter, the 2008 Presidential race, the 2007 Boise mayoral race, or whatever direction the group chooses to go!

We promise an informative, enjoyable, easy-to-participate chat atmosphere among all who take part. From the comfort of your computer, you can talk or “chat” with all participants on the subject(s) of the moment each Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. (Mountain time). It truly will be a “chat”, much as if we were all sitting around a table talking and having coffee! **For January 31, we will plan to start this “chat” about the Idaho Legislature, and its activities to date.**

Here are the simple instructions for participation:

- 1) Go to [www.ridenbaugh.com](http://www.ridenbaugh.com), and scroll down to where you see a box called "Nickname." (It's just below Categories and just above Search.)
- 2) When you get there, type in your name (pseudonyms are allowed, but we encourage real names), and click on "enter chat." This will bring up a new screen.
- 3) At the bottom, you will see your name and a box next to it. Just type what you'd like to say into the box (we suggest brief comments, as if one is “chatting”), and click "Say."
- 4) Your statement will appear in the space above, along with those of whomever else is currently contributing with comments to the “chat”. To “chat” again, simply repeat.
- 5) When you want to leave the session, just close the window.

Randy Stapilus is a well-known political analyst and author of several books about Idaho politics, government and history, and editor of the *Idaho Public Affairs Digest*. Greg Smith is president of Greg Smith & Associates, the best known and most highly regarded political polling/consulting firm in Idaho. Both men have been quoted or been used by the media many times within Idaho, the Treasure Valley, and nationally for their Idaho politics/public policy analyses and commentary.

Please contact either Stapilus or Smith if you plan to participate in the initial January 31 effort so we can plan accordingly for this “kickoff” session. Also, please contact us with any questions or comments.

***We can't wait!***

-----  
**Randy Stapilus 503.852.0010**  
[stapilus@ridenbaugh.com](mailto:stapilus@ridenbaugh.com)

-----  
**Greg Smith 208.939.2327**  
[gregsm@quickidaho.com](mailto:gregsm@quickidaho.com)