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## General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library. NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

## Membership Fees

### Full year:

Individuals: \$20

Family: \$25

### After July 1:

Individuals: \$15

Family: \$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Any interested member is invited to attend.

Materials for the bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send material to the bulletin editor at 2188 St. Clair Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 or by email to [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## C.W. HOG SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

8 P.M. Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Idaho Falls Library ~ Large Meeting Room

The Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group (C.W. HOG) will present a nationally acclaimed multi-media slide show. This powerful presentation shows people with and without disabilities participating in the many adventure activities C.W. HOG has to offer. C.W. HOG's goals are: 1) provide recreational opportunities, 2) advance the status of people with disabilities, 3) educate communities to accept and value people with disabilities, 4) and provide opportunities for people with and without disabilities to interact together in a fun medium.

## President Speaks

The snow is melted in town but there is plenty of snow left to get out in and maximize the weekend playtime. Meadow Lake and the

Bradley / Taggart Lake trips are coming up and are the last of the winter trips planned.

If you haven't signed up for the great map and compass class that Gary has planned for us on April 14 & 15 and want to take this course, don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Likewise for the CPR class that we have arranged for the club on May 20. The class size is limited so don't wait until the last minute to sign up and miss out on this valuable course that could save a loved ones life. Coordinators and potential trip leaders are strongly encouraged to take the course.

The Trail Maintenance coordinator position is still open. Trail maintenance is part of the IAC's desire to promote the principles of conservation including resource preservation. Please call me if you are interested in the position. More information on the position is located elsewhere in this bulletin.

The IAC will be participating in the citywide Earth Day celebration sponsored by the INEEL and Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC on April 29 with a representative from the club at Tauphaus Park. In conjunction with the Earth Day celebration IAC's spring Highway Cleanup will be on May 7.

In April we will have a program presented by the C.W. HOG program. IAC has supported the C.W. HOG program over the years through promotion of the Pocatello Pump, the Pig Out and various other functions which have benefitted the C.W. HOG program.

See ya out there before the snow melts.

Donna

## Council Minutes

### IAC COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 28 March 2000  
Location: 1686 Brentwood  
Time: 8:00 PM

Attendees: Donna Whitham  
Garney Hardy  
Tim Adkison  
Betsy Adkison

March note taker - Donna

#### Agenda Topics

Read and approved last month's Council meeting minutes

#### Treasurers Report

General Funds - \$1705.25 in checking,  
\$4110.42 in CD's

Rafting Funds - \$1004.13

Expenditures - \$132.88 for library room rental and bulletin

Report on CD's - One CD coming due, will be converted to a 3 month CD

Number of memberships to date: 91 renewals and new members. 38 memberships expired.

#### Old Business

Orienteering / Map and Compass Class and CPR class rooms and field location. Garney reported that the classrooms at the library for April 14 and May 20 have been confirmed with payment. Donna reported that the field location will be near ISU and the Holt Arena in Pocatello. The terrain is more varied and is all on one topo map.

Note sent to George requesting a list of things he needs help with. Donna reported that a note had been sent to George but no response had been received to date.

Renewal reminders sent on March bulletin labels and in the bulletin and resulted in over a dozen renewals.

April meeting refreshments volunteer(s): Mark and Donna Whitham

May meeting refreshments volunteer(s): Tim and Betsy Adkison

June meeting refreshments volunteer(s): Garney Hardy

#### New Business

Promotions

Womens Outdoor Workshop June 23-24 sponsorship and teach backpacking and or climbing class on the 24. Will promote and possibly arrange for someone to teach one or

two outdoor classes. Donna was asked to teach one class but will be out of town that week.

Earth Day Celebration on April 29, invitation from INEEL to participate - will publicize the highway cleanup for IAC in conjunction with their affair. Betsy can represent the club at the affair. Donna will notify INEEL and have them contact Betsy on final details. The council members will help prepare a display for Betsy to take to the affair.

Adopt-a-Crag Day - September 9, 2000 - Donna will contact Kurt to see if he wants to participate by organizing a crag event and publicize through Access Funds list of nationwide events.

National Trails Day - June 3, 2000 / City of Rocks- Kurt was contacted by the City to see if the club would want to do some trail work at the City. Motioned and approved to make that the trails day event since so many of the club members climb at the City and use the trails there. Kurt and Donna will find out more information regarding the work needed and publicize it in the bulletin.

Alan organizing meeting for Boise members on April 15 and will report back on it next month.

Garney received a questionnaire from the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) and a membership renewal request. Renewal of the membership will be postponed until FWOC can provide information, through either their local officer Marty Huebner or through their organization, as to what exactly the organization provides as a benefit to its member clubs.

Next two council meetings:  
Place and Date

Susan Farnsworth 5534 S 45 W - 4/25/2000  
Donna Whitham 706 Laurelwood - 5/30/2000

## **Trail Maintenance Coordinator**

Two of the Trail Maintenance Coordinator Positions are now open. Trail maintenance is part of the IAC's desire to promote the principles of conservation including resource preservation. Trail maintenance projects can even benefit the climbing community as we have seen at places like Smith Rock and the

City of Rocks. Volunteers put those trails in. Promoting National Trails Day, the adopt-a-trail program, coordinating some of the trail maintenance on the Lava Trail, and coordinating with the Forest Service for the IAC matching contribution to the Trail Grants program are the main duties of the position. Paul and Norm are willing to help the new coordinator(s), but would like to be workers now. Norm even comes complete with chainsaw and proper PPE to help cut down or cut up anything needing cutting. Please call Donna if you are interested in the position, 524.6119.

## **Map and Compass Workshop April 14th & 15th**

Mark your calendars for this beginner level workshop. Even if you have a GPS, you need to know how to read a map and use a compass with the GPS. Besides, what if your batteries go dead. Gary Vecellio is going to show us how to use those compasses and maps we lug around, in a classroom session in Idaho Falls on Friday evening the 14<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will go out in the field with Gary to practice what we learned on Friday night. Compasses with adjustable declination and the topo map we all need for class is the Pocatello South Quadrangle. The field portion of the class will be held at 9 AM in Pocatello. Of course, proper footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather will be needed in the field. The cost will be based on how many people sign up but will be minimal. We'll plan on a field session and going for a pizza and pop or beer at the end of class. Sign up sheets will be at the April 5 meeting or call Mark or Donna to sign up 524.6119.

## **Highway Cleanup - May 7**

We plan to do highway cleanup on our section of Highway between mileposts 6 & 8. It will be dependent on the weather. This is a great opportunity to do some community

service with your friends. Let's all show what a great group we are to the community as we do our part in keeping the landscape clean. For more details and to sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

## Memorial Day Trip Announcement

Looking for something to do over the Memorial Day Weekend? Join us at the City of the Rocks. Families (with kids of all ages), singles, everyone's welcome. Camping, hiking, biking, climbing, eating, and lounging about! Let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange for appropriate camp sites (group or otherwise). Contact Gaylon or Rebecca at 528-6637.

## Cross Country Ski Trips 1999-2000

### Meadow Lake ~ April 8

This day trip to a high mountain lake in the Lemhi mountains is not recommended for beginners. It is located 110 miles northwest of Idaho Falls in the Salmon River National Forest near the old Gilmore townsite. The trail is 11 miles round trip with a 2000 foot elevation gain to the Meadow Lake Campground. Bring towels, tevas, and hiking boots in case it is necessary to ski to the hot springs at Gold Bug instead. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Trip Coordinators, Mark Donna Whitham, 524-6119. Sign up by March 29.

### April 16 - Bradley and Taggart Lake (Note: Date Change!)

Snowshoe into Bradley and Taggart Lakes over gently rolling moraine, open meadows, and winding stream drainage. The two lakes are situated at the very edge of the valley floor with the Tetons rising immediately to the west. This is a really fun trip and is great for getting in shape for the trails this summer.

Round trip is around 6 miles. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119.

### April 22 - Bike Trip in Teton Park

This one will depend on when the Park Service starts plowing the roads but is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. See last years trip report on the website to read more about this trip. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for meeting place time and date, 524-6119.

## Ponds Lodge to Harriman State Park Trip Report

On Saturday, February 26, 2000, members of the Idaho Alpine Club and the Idaho Falls Ski Club combined forces for a joint club XC Ski trip from Ponds Lodge Park and Ski Area to Harriman State Park north of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Twenty-seven skiers met at McD's for go juice and to coordinate car pooling. Five others were to meet us in Island Park. The temperature was barely below freezing, the sky was rather gray, and a fine sleet was drizzling on our windshields as we left for Island Park. It was starting to look like the decision to take the waxable skis might not have been a wise one.

Upon arrival at Harriman we found the three who were to meet us there had arrived. After determining the vehicle shuttle plans we traveled north to the Park and Ski Area at Ponds Lodge. Don and Julie McEligot, Kirk and Kathy Scott, Rikko Thomas, and Mitch graciously shuttled vehicles back to Harriman. Skis were waxed or maxied and with a wet sticky snow falling, skiers began gliding along the Buffalo River. Those of us planning to bring up the rear, to make sure everyone arrived at Harriman safely, adjusted our radios, and waited a few more moments for the arrival of the last two skiers.

Unbeknownst to us, those two had decided the stores in Yellowstone had much better weather conditions. Finally, we glided onto the trail and found that it was a perfect blue wax day.

Skiing through the Brimstone trail system was wonderful this year. The Forest Service had agreed to groom the trail early on Saturday, so the skiers at the head of the group did not have the slog that we had last year. We skied across the meadows and rolling hills of the connector trail with a light breeze slapping wet snow against the side of our faces. The conditions made for a very short lunch this year. As the temperature rose the snow became sticky for those on the waxless skis. The Magic Sauce for waxless skis (Swix F4) seemed to be the miracle substance of the day. Somehow the blue wax was still holding out for those of us who were on waxables. By 3 o'clock all had arrived at Harriman State Park with only a few blisters and one broken ski binding. A feeding frenzy at the Backpackmobile ended a fun day for all thirty skiers.

## Ski Club Hut Update

The Idaho Falls Ski Club Hut located near Kelly Canyon was removed on March 18 by twelve hardworking volunteers.

We remove the wood floor and stored it inside until next ski season. There was a lot of new snow which made it much more difficult to haul four big loads of stuff out the nominal two miles with the snowmobile.

505 people who visited the hut signed the hut log.

1195 people signed in at the trail register.

The hut was up for 95 days this season.

Cost of Grooming Nordic Ski Trails at Kelly Canyon

10 Times Per season

Depreciation of equipment\* \$800

Gasoline, misc supplies 65

Transportation to Kelly 200

60 miles/trip, \$0.32/ mile

Manpower; 10 man-hours/trip at \$8/hour 800

Total \$1865

## Climbing/Mountaineering 2000 Schedule

This schedule is for beginner to advanced climbers and can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the levels of the climbers taking part in each trip. The trips to City of Rocks, Massacre Rocks and Thursday night climbs will provide good opportunities for less advanced climbers to practice technique and learn more about rock climbing protection and placement of gear.

March 25-26	Massacre Rocks (by American Falls)
April 28 - 30	Smith Rocks, Oregon
May 6th	Snow School
May 26-28	City of Rocks or Red Rocks
June 24-25	Sawtooths (Elephant Perch or Finger of Fate)
July 7-9	Mt. Jefferson, Oregon
July 28-30	Tetons: Mt. Moran (CMC, South Buttress routes)
August 25 - 27	Grand Teton or Middle Teton
Sept 15 - 18	Yosemite, Owens River Gorge, or Red Rocks
Oct 2 -3	Blodgett Canyon, Montana

There will probably be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others. Call Kurt Myers or Eric Peterson for climbing and scheduling information.

Thursday night climbs will start June 1st. These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00pm from the lot behind the old McDonalds (between Burger King & Albertons), travel to

the area and climb for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released soon.

## **Mountaineering Mt. Whitney June 19 - 23, 2000**

Mt. Whitney is located in the High Sierra mountains of California and at 14,495 feet is the tallest mountain in the contiguous 48 states. We drew a permit in the lottery for the Mt. Whitney Trail permits and have an opening on the permit for one more person to join our summit party. Cost for your share of the permit is \$15 plus food and driving or car pooling expenses. We will leave for California on June 19 and return possibly via Yosemite the following weekend (sometime between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>). For more details and to sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

## **BACKPACKING 2000**

### **Sawtooth Trek - September 2-9, 2000**

A week long trip into the Sawtooths, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence for the Idaho Alpine Club, is scheduled for September 2 - 9. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club is planning to join us once again for this trek through some of Idaho's most incredible scenery. Because of the SNRA requirements for party size, space will be limited so don't wait until the last minute to decide to go.

The preliminary schedule is to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> by taking the early ferry at Redfish across the lake, then hike to Cramer Lakes, the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Edna Lake, the 4<sup>th</sup> will be a layover for one of our infamous day hikes or hanging out to fish, tan, etc., the 5<sup>th</sup> to Imogene Lake, the 6<sup>th</sup> will be a layover to scramble up Mt. Cramer or the hanging out thing again, the 7<sup>th</sup> to Toxaway Lake, the 8<sup>th</sup> will be either at Twin Lakes or Alice Lake, and end on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pettit Lake trailhead. The scenery is

incredible and every nite will be next to a lake. A SNRA trailhead pass is required for those leaving vehicles at either end of the trail or any trailhead in between. Those are available through Idaho Mt. Trading locally. The SNRA does also require that the four legged hikers be on leashes.

For more information and to sign up, call Mark or Donna Whitham 524.6119.

## **IAC LOGO T-SHIRTS!!**

The t-shirts are really cool! Short sleeves, crew neck, heather grey (just dark enough to not show dirt unless you wallow in the mud) Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! The logo is sooo detailed that you can even see the rope hanging from the little climber! \$12 each. Sizes Medium, Large and X-Large. These shirts are great out in the field. They dry really fast and don't get stinky like the polypro stuff does after a couple days or even a week on the Teton Crest Trail. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact Mark or Donna at 524.6119 to get yours sooner.

## **Club Member Benefits**

K & R Adventure Gear - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on hiking, climbing, and outdoor equipment. For more information the web address is [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com) and email: [knrgear@srv.net](mailto:knrgear@srv.net) or call Kurt or Rebekah locally at 208.522.5279 or toll free at 1.877.369.7407.

Canyon Whitewater Supply - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on rafting and kayaking non-sale supply and accessory items. For more information call 208.522.3932

All Topo Maps on CD-ROM are now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. Singles may join the AAC for \$40 (instead of \$65) Couples may join for \$65 (instead of \$92.50). Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your Idaho Alpine Club membership card to get the discounted rates. Applications can be accessed on the AAC website: <http://www.americanalpineclub.org> or at IAC general meetings.

10 % discount on (nonsale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:  
--Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B  
--Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station  
--Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (nonrafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Rafting gear available at a low rental fee

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts  
Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

### **Alpine Club Rental Gear:**

Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole  
Climbing helmets-- Leon Wolfram  
Climbing harness, carabiner & figure 8-- Eric Peterson  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
Ice axes-- Leon Wolfram  
Clinometer & compass for cave mapping---Dean K.  
PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie Hulet

### **Newsletter Advertising**

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25  
12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240  
Full-page ad - \$40  
12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

### **Stone Walls Rock Gym**

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri  
1:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturdays  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays.  
The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members. *[Note: these hours may be out of date-- please call to check.]*

### **Web site news**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at <http://www.srv.net/~iac> lately? Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site:

\* An IAC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD where you can post information, announcements, ask

questions, make comments, whatever you'd like.

It's like our own club newsgroup!

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even submit your own favorite links and they'll automatically be added to the list.

\* Looking for specific information on the site? - use the IAC SITE SEARCH feature to locate pages of specific interest