

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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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	July 1 - October 1
Individuals:	\$20	\$15
Family:	\$25	\$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 [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Up Coming Programs:

**May 1st:** Brad Schilling City of Rocks Climbing  
Ranger Slide Show: Big Wall Climbing -  
Yosemite and Patagonia

**June 5th:** Josh Burnim Slide Show: Sawtooths to  
the Selkirks 900 miles

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2002 8PM

Idaho Falls Public Library - Meeting Room 1

## Is Your Bike Ready For Summer 2002?

Idaho Mountain Trading's Michael Woodruff is going to visit the IAC again this year with his highly popular basic tips on getting our bikes ready to ride and being prepared to do some rudimentary roadside repairs. Especially for those who just hung their bikes up last fall, he is also going to give a few do's and don'ts for properly preparing those bikes for winter storage. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

## President Speaks

The snow is melting and it is time to put the skis away and get ready for some of the great spring and summer activities planned. The Big Southern Butte hike will be a great way to get warmed up for the summer hiking season and the April bike trips in the National Parks are always a lot of fun. Try to find time to explore the parks on a bike without vehicle traffic. It is a great experience. We will be doing the Wolf Watching trip again this year in May be sure to check the details for this great trip.

In this issue we also have the Climbing and Rafting schedules posted. The first Climbing activity will Snow School on April 6th and Thursday Night climbs start May 30th. For early season rafting, Jim Lee is interested in doing South Fork River trips if anybody is interested and weather dependent.

The weather in Idaho is always an adventure no matter what the season so always remember to be prepared for anything that may come up.

Happy trails,  
Tim

## IAC Council Meeting

Date: March 26, 2002

Attendees: Tim Adkison, Michelle Fox, Betsy Adkison, Kevin Coble, George Cole

Note taker: Tim Adkison

- 1) Meeting call to order: 8:17 pm
- 2) Reading of last months meeting minutes: approved
- 3) Treasurers report
  - General fund: \$ 4,167.07
  - Rafting fund: \$ (included above)
  - Expenditures: \$ 227.88

Members to date: 154

### 4) Old business

Boise separation response follow-up letter. (On hold)

Web site server space update. George looking at options available for both free server space and less expensive server space and will update council at next meeting.

Time frame to mail newsletter. Decision made for more time to be allowed for mailing of general meeting bulletin. See next agenda item.

Council meeting time/date change feasibility. Discussed and final vote deferred until all council members have had input.

IAC membership in other organizations. Discussed IAC membership in, and affiliation with, special interest groups that have political agendas. Will decide on club membership renewals for the future on a case by case basis.

### 5) New business -Open floor

April general meeting snacks: Kevin Coble

April council meeting at: Bob Kroupa's, 521 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 524-6273.

Meeting adjournment: 9:32 pm

## **April 13 - CPR Class / American Heart Association 2 Year Certification:**

Only 3 opening left for this valuable course that could save a loved ones life. Coordinators and potential trip leaders are strongly encouraged to take the course. Cost is \$20 in advance and includes the latest AHA CPR class book and certification card. The class will be a maximum of four hours from 9am to 1 pm. Contact Mark or Donna for more information and to sign up  
[hiking@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:hiking@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119

## **Wolf Watching in Yellowstone May 11-12**

We will meet in Yellowstone Park at the Albright visitors center in Mammoth on the 11th very early (5:30am) to drive out to the Lamar Valley and observe wolves in their natural habitat. At midday we may day-hike up to Specimen Ridge or other location. Discounted lodging can be found at the Mammoth Hotel if reservations are made prior to April 1st (<http://www.amfac.com/>). Gardiner, MT is also nearby and has several motels. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Park Street Grille in Gardiner, MT. We had a great turnout last year and the weather was perfect. For more information call Tim Adkison, 542-0786.

## **Day Trips ~ 2002**

### **April 14, 2002 - Big Southern Butte**

Steep conditioner to get in shape with, to the top of Big Southern Butte at 7,560 feet high with it's summit 2,000 feet above the Snake River plain. The butte is about 50 miles west of Idaho Falls. Trailhead access is through Atomic City and may need 4WD or high clearance if the road is still muddy. From Webb Springs the summit is in 1.75 miles via the non-trail route. For more information check out Jerry Painters book "Hiking and Biking Trails near Idaho Falls: Vol. II" or contact the Bureau of Land Management at the Eastern Idaho Visitor Center. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for meeting place, 524-6119 or [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org)

## **Bike Trips ~ 2002**

### **April 7 - Bike Trip in Yellowstone Park**

The roads will be closed to motorized traffic for two weeks after park has plowed them. Idaho Mt. Trading will be running this trip so contact Mike at IMT for details 523.6679. Mike also plans to give us another short presentation of preparing your bike for the season at our April meeting.

### **April 27 - 28 - Bike Trip and Overnight Camp Out in Tenon Park**

This is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. Every year the weather has been different for this breathtaking 32 mile round trip to the dam from the Bradley and Taggart Lake trail head parking lot. Afterwards, we plan to haul camping gear in to stay overnight in the park. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

## **Weekday Social Biking**

Barb Brown is cobbling together a "Bike 2002" e-mail list. If you'd like to be added to the list (and weren't on the "Bike 2001" list), send your e-mail address to [barbara@srv.net](mailto:barbara@srv.net). Once on the e-list, you're subject to weekly (usually) notifications of meeting place and destination for Tuesday (probably) morning rides and, occasionally, another bike-related tidbit. Rides are mostly on paved county roads. Rides in the refuges or on the desert are dirt roads (no single track). Most of us opt out on weather-challenged days.

**WARNING:** These rides are social, not even semi-hard-core, rides. They are **NOT IAC Sponsored** or formally led or supported. Generally we're back after 2 to 3 hours and only go 15-25 miles, sometimes with shorter or longer options. Everyone is responsible for their own extra tube and rudimentary tool kit (and skin kit). Real mechanics are not provided in the event of flat tires, etc. (Advice and unhelpful comments are.)

## **Rafting ~ 2002**

Cost per person per day on club trips \$10/day with life jacket.

### **April/May**

South Fork River Camping. Weather dependant, call Jim Lee 681-9057 (local cell) if interested, to schedule a weekend or email at [lees@cableone.net](mailto:lees@cableone.net)

## Rafting Continued....

### May 24-27

Annual Main Salmon, Pine Creek day section (class III). Camping at Spring Creek campground, with potluck Saturday and Sunday night. Call Greg Hulet (523-6199), or Jim Lee (681-9057) to reserve a spot, and arrange to haul equipment.

### June 15

Fall River (water level dependent.) Contact Greg Hulet for more information at 523-6199.

### June 16-23

Main Salmon, Sunbeam day section (class III). Camping at O'brien campground. We also plan to float the Main Payette from Banks to Beehive Bend (class III) during this trip. There are a lot of other things to do in this area, apart from rafting, including hot springs, hiking, and lakes. Call Jim Lee (681-9057), lees@cablone.net

Anyone interested in joining a group that would call in for a Middle Fork or Main Salmon permit, call Greg Hulet 523-6199. Getting the permit does not mean that you are required to lead the trip.

## Raft Rental Prices 2002

Udisco 14' \$25/day  
 Ryken 14' \$30/day  
 Self-bailer 14' \$45/day  
 Self bailers 16' \$50/day  
 Life jackets only \$3/day  
 Includes paddles or oars and life jackets.

Contact Greg Hulet for more info at 523-6199

## National Trails Day ~ June 1

Work Party at City of Rocks: Brad is planning the project for us and all we have to do is show up for the work party. Past projects have remodeled the Flaming Rock trailhead, built terraces at the bottom of Delay of Game, and repaired badly eroded trail tread by Breadloaves. Free camping on Friday and

Saturday nights for those who work. Proper PPE (personal protection equipment) will be required, i.e.; above the ankle leather boots, work gloves, and safety goggles (for smashing rock fill). Bring pulaskis, shovels, mallets if you have them. Bring your own lunch, water, and climbing gear. After the work is all done we plan to spend the rest of the weekend climbing. For more information and to sign up contact the Whithams at programs@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

## Climbing/Mountaineering 2002

### Schedule for Beginner to Advanced Climbers

This schedule 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. Trips to Smith Rocks, Massacre Rocks, City of 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.

April 6	Snow School
18/19-21/22	Smith Rocks, Oregon
June 1-2	City of Rocks (trip coordinators - Mark & Donna Whitham)
July 12-14	Sawtooths (Warbonnet Peak, Elephants Perch)
Oct 18-20	Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris; Lander, WY

There will be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others (including some Boise members). Call Kurt Myers, Eric Peterson, or Ken Lamson (Boise) for climbing and scheduling information.

### Eastern Idaho Thursday Night Climbs

The Thursday night climbing will start on May 30th. These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00 pm from the Yellowstone McDonalds parking lot, travel to the area, and climb for 1 ½ to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released before summer. Also, Boise-area members are planning similar weekly climbing outings in their area for the summer. Contact Ken Lamson (Boise) for details.

## **Huckleberry Hotsprings Trip Report**

### **March 16 - 17**

Coldest trip to Huckleberry ever. Five of us celebrated Mark's birthday soaking in the hot springs. Three to four inches of snow fell over the weekend. The water was delightfully hot and made for a wonderful soak. Temps got down to -15 degrees overnight. Brrr! The dish cloth even froze in the few seconds it took Mark to empty out the dishwater. Despite the cold and snowy weather there was quite a crowd at the springs.

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## **Idaho Falls Symphony Tickets available**

May 11 - Two prime \$20 seats on aisle, 6 rows from stage, for \$10 apiece. The program includes pianist Jeff Biegel, the IF Symphony Chorale, and Stravinsky's The Firebird Suite. If interested contact the Whithams at [dwhitham@srv.net](mailto:dwhitham@srv.net) or 524.6119

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## **Club Member Benefits**

### **10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:**

- Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279  
or 877-369-7407 [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply - 450 S Yellowstone  
Idaho Falls - 522-3932
- Free Heel and Wheel, 40 Yellowstone Ave. West  
Yellowstone, Montana, 406-646-7744.

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

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

**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-- Kurt Myers  
Ice axes-- Kurt Myers  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
Clinometer & compass for cave mapping  
--Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg 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.-9:00p.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.]*

### **IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$12 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. 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.

### **IAC Website**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) 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!

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

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even