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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

4.12.2007: Jerry Painter's home at 1439 Riviera Dr.

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Backpacking	Ken Krivanek	528-8224
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 P.M.** on the first TUESDAY of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

MAY Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight April 15

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 15th of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

"Rafting the Green, Snake and Salmon Rivers" IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, April 3, 2007, 7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library

Spring is upon us and the rivers are beginning to run higher. Pretty soon, it will be time to dust off the canoes, kayaks and rafts and get them wet.

To help get us in the spirit of the season, member Jim Lee will be showing slides and videos of several recent river trips he has done.

Jim's program will cover trips on the Murtagh Run of the Snake River near Twin Falls, Desolation Canyon on the Green River in Utah and the lower Salmon from Whitebird to Lewiston. Come and enjoy these images of fun on the river and find out more about this year's schedule of spring and summer river trips. There are trips for all levels of ability from the annual introductory level trip on the Salmon near Shoup on Memorial Day weekend to more advanced trips for more experienced whitewater veterans.

The meeting is open to the public. All outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org, or contact Bob Tyler at 523-5560

President Speaks

You might recall that we currently do not have a program coordinator for our meetings at the library. The council has been lining up programs as a committee. Right now, we have lined up programs through the June meeting but we still need ideas for our fall schedule. If you know of a speaker or have an idea for a program that you think people would like, please let a council member know. We would be very grateful for any ideas you may have. Our phone numbers are on the newsletter masthead and our e-mail addresses are on the club's website.

Since this month's program at the library is about running rivers, this is a good time to mention that the club rafts and life jackets are available to club members to rent for personal trips. Just contact our rafting coordinator, Greg Hulet, for more information. And, while we're on the subject of personal trips, for our new members out there, if you ever wonder why there aren't more trips in the newsletter, you should know that a lot of members informally organize trips with friends that are never published in the newsletter. So, if you're looking for someone to do something with, come to the meetings at the library or go on a club trip or two and pretty soon you'll have friends to call when you want to organize an impromptu outing of your own.

-Bob Tyler

Climbing

For information on current trips or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Snow School: April 21st

It's fast approaching that time of year again. Time to shake the dust off the axes and crampons and get tuned up for the spring and summer climbing season. We will once again be holding our annual snow school. Exact location will depend on conditions, but most likely it will be Teton Pass.

We'll cover the basics of ice ax and crampon use. Self-arrest, self-belay, rest step, glissading and rope team travel will be covered, and maybe a quick session on crevasse rescue. This is a perfect time for beginners to learn what to do with those pointy toys, and for old hands to get that practice we should all be getting every year. Bring your climbing harness, ice ax, and crampons. Don't have ax and crampons? Let us know, we can beg, borrow, or steal a set for you to try out.

We usually only practice for half a day, so bring your skis and enjoy some spring turns, or bring a bike and enjoy a half day peddle on the other side of the Tetons.

Lost River Mountaineering: May 19

This will be a good chance to try out those newly acquired ice ax skills. The Lost River Range has dozens of moderate mountaineering routes that are often overlooked by the hundreds of people tripping over each other to climb Mt. Borah. We will be attempting one of these peaks as a good tune up for the summer. The exact route will depend on conditions, but Dickey, Lost River Peak, or Peak 11,308 are all possibilities, as is Saddle Mountain (OK, Saddle is in the Lemhi Mountains, but you get the idea).

This will be an good trip for beginning mountaineers. The only requirements are a high level of fitness, and previous knowledge of ice ax use (snow school is perfect for that).

Teton Mountaineering: June 16th, 17th

This will be an overnight trip into the Teton Mountains. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the exact route will depend on conditions, but that's the way mountaineering is sometimes. This will be a more advanced trip, and previous mountaineering experience is required. Possibilities include Buck, Disappointment Peak, or the Middle Teton. We'll hike in on Saturday and set up a camp. Then it's off to bed for a predawn wake up call. After our summit attempt we'll hike back down to the trail head and have a well deserved dinner in Jackson. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

Grand Teton: August 16th, 17th, & 18th

This is the big one. The Grand Teton is the crown jewel of the Teton Range, and a must do for any aspiring mountaineers. There are no walk up routes to the top. All routes require solid technical climbing ability. Participants in this trip must have demonstrated competency in all aspects of mountaineering. Climbing, belaying, rappelling, massive exposure, carrying big packs, moving fast over rough terrain, and dealing with the Teton's unpredictable August weather are all needed skills for this trip. Sign up will begin in July, and applicants must be active participants in other club climbing trips this summer to be considered.

Route selection will depend on conditions (of course), and participant skill and desire. Upper Exum Ridge or Owen-Spaulding routes will be the most likely choices. We will reserve a camp site in the moraines for 2 nights, but if all goes well we'll only need one.

We will hike in on Friday, set up camp, and try for the summit early Saturday morning. This schedule helps to beat most of the weekend crowd. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

Just a reminder, Wednesday night climbs start again near the end of May!

Nov/Dec - Bozeman Ice Festival

- Eric

Highway Clean-Up April 28

It is that time of year to contribute to the community and have a great time with friends while helping to clean up our little 2 mile section of Highway 31. The section is located between milemarker 6 & 8 near the old Pine Basin Ski area.

Benefits include getting out in the fresh air, exercise, spotting those early spring flowers blooming as soon as the snow melts, the feeling of pride in your efforts every time you drive thru that section of highway, the potluck picnic, and bike ride or hike afterwards. In return matching bright orange safety vests and trash sacks are provided for our use.

Work gloves are required. Leather boots & safety glasses recommended.

For more information and to sign up for this easy fun trip, call the Whithams at 520.1728.

Bicycling

For biking information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

Tax Day Circuit Race 4.21.2007

The course is in the town of Inkom, which is on I-15, 12 miles south of Pocatello.

Registration: Available online at www.sportsbaseonline.com, or send standard entry form to Tax Day Circuit, c/o Adam D. Boyce, 350 W Maple #62., Pocatello, ID 83201. Entry fee \$10 juniors, \$25 all others, \$5 late fee on race day. USCF licenses will be available, including one-days. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. on race day. More information at www.idahocycling.com.

March 12: Plowing on Teton Park Road in Grand Teton National Park began. Re-opening of the Teton Park Road to bikers, hikers and inline skaters will be announced once the road has been plowed and snow removal equipment is no longer operating.

The Teton Park Road opens to vehicle traffic on Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips or to sign up to go, contact Ken Krivanek or email: Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

This is a General Request to the Club's Membership From Ken Krivanek:

I am starting to get board doing the same old hikes and bike rides this year that I have done for the past 3 to 4 years. I want to reinvent my outdoor experiences and get back to GOD (the Great Out Doors) this year. However; to accomplish this goal I need your help. I need new ideas on where to go for backpack trips, where to ride my road bike and which hill to climb on my Mt. Bike.

I propose that I need some initial thoughts on a few new ideas. Here's what I've been thinking:

A moon light bike ride at the end of July from one of our member's house after completion of a pre-ride bonfire and picnic. The ride to begin at 9 PM and we ride for 15 to 25 miles toward Blackfoot along the West River Road and then back to the start. We end the ride with a late (early) breakfast at North Hi-Way Café.

One Saturday we bike to Heise for a Hot Tub soak and pizza then return to IF by 8 PM.

We take an excursion to Twin Falls and camp out in the area on Friday night. Then Saturday we do a 50-mile ride with the Twin Falls Bike Club. Return to Twin and do some rock climbing or kayaking on the Snake River. If this is too much in one day we stay over Saturday night and do these other adventures on Sunday and then return home late on Sunday. I know I can get us hooked up with the TF Bike club and I know someone in Twin that will be very happy to lead a kayak trip and we have members in our club that can lead the rock climbing.

Maybe we do a Mt. Bike trip into the Kelley Canyon Area. I am sure we can find someone in the club that could lead this trip.

We also need new hikes in the spring and fall. I (Ken not the Whithams) have done Table Mt, Upper Palisades Lake, and Big Southern every year for the past 3 or 4. I am ready for new

adventures. Where do we want to go? We need to plan these trips and get them on our calendars, or if you are like me we won't do them.

Obviously no one person has the time to plan all these trips so we need some folks that are willing to start to plan adventures and tell the club membership about them early enough so that we can all plan to attend. Lets all reinvent this club and get FIRED UP for new adventures this year. Let me know what interest any of the above ideas generate. If I get people telling me they are interested and will go then I will plan 1 or 2 of these adventures. But I will not get the club involved if there is no interest and willingness to participate. We need everyone planning trips and leading trips and attending trips to perpetuate this club.

Editor's Note: The Whithams have led the dayhiking and backpacking since 1997. While they will still lead a trip or two, Ken will be the coordinator. Please contact him with any ideas for new adventures.

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- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; <lynna.howard@mac.com>, <leland@wildernessbooks.com>

CDTA 2007 Trail Projects Posted:

This year will be another great year packed with trail building projects in all 5 CDT states, including a number of projects located on the Idaho Montana border and in Yellowstone National Park! You have the option of viewing and signing up for your projects online www.cdtrail.org, or you may also call or e-mail the CDTA if you prefer a 2007

project guide to be mailed out to you. Hope to see you on the "King of Trails" this season! IAC members, the Whithams, have a slide show from the 2006 CDTA project in Glacier National Park if anyone would like to see it.

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Trip Reports

Harriman-March 3:

Barbara Brown, Kit Struthers, Garney Hardy, Paul Worth, and Mark and Donna Whitham enjoyed a fabulous weekend of bird watching and cross country skiing or snowshoeing at Harriman State Park and the Brimstone trails. We enjoyed warm weather both days despite the clouds.

At Brimstone we enjoyed a special treat near the dam watching 5 otters swim and fish their way upstream below us.

Birds spotted: Crossbills, Red Breasted Nuthatches, Mountain Chickadees, Hooded Mergansers, Common and Barrows Goldeneyes, Northern Pintails, Trumpeter Swans, Kingfishers, American Dipper, and Mallards.

Free Maps:

New color topographic maps are available for download from the Palisades Ranger District web site: www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps. On this page there is an index map showing an 8 page map that covers the entire ranger district and connecting areas at a scale of 1:112,500. Each map must be downloaded separately and they can be pasted together to form one large map. Hard copies of these maps are not available from the FS.

There are also 12 more detailed "Specialty" maps covering specific trails. These maps are at a scale of 1:50,000 with shaded relief and are detailed enough to replace USGS topographic maps in most cases. Coordinates of trailheads and key intersections are provided. Since the files are large, a high speed internet connection is needed. The Palisades Ranger District Office has a limited number of hard copies of the detailed maps.

IAC Stickers

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Monthly minutes are available at www.idahoalpineclub.org

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Membership Fees

Full Year 7/1 to 10/1

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.

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each, while they last. When the long sleeve shirts we have are gone, they are gone. 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

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