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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 PM until further notice

Upcoming Council Meetings:

April: Bohan's Home	748 Adell
May: TBD	

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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.

MAY Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on APRIL 10

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th 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.

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

"CLIMBING FITZ ROY IN PATAGONIA"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

NOTE THE ONE-TIME CHANGE TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF APRIL FOR THIS MEETING

Mt. Fitz Roy, located in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, at 11,073 feet is not high by conventional standards; nevertheless, it may see only one successful climbing attempt a year. This is because, in spite of its relatively modest height, climbers who attempt Fitz Roy face daunting climbing challenges and must cope with notoriously bad Patagonian weather. Named after Robert FitzRoy, captain of the HMS Beagle, Fitz Roy was first summited by Lionel Terray and Guido Magnone in 1952.

More recently, Tyrel Mack and four friends spent two months in the Argentinian summer of 2001-2002 attempting to free climb the east face of Fitz Roy. They followed an old aid route on the 4,000 foot face, 1,000 feet longer than El Capitan. While winds that gusted up to 90 m.p.h. pinned Tyrel and his party down in a snow cave much of the time, in between bouts of bad weather, they also managed a climb of an adjacent peak, Aguja Guillaumet, which was first climbed in 1981. In an added plus, Tyrel's slide show will include slides taken by Bobby Model, a professional photographer in their party whose work has graced the cover of National Geographic. Come and hear about this exciting climb of a peak that serves as a magnet attracting climbers from all over the world.

The meeting is open to the public and 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 787-2601.

President Speaks

This being the Idaho Alpine Club's 50th year, I challenge all members to try new activities. If you are a hiker, try biking. If you are a rafter, try climbing. I have done just that. I signed up for climbing lessons conducted by Jerry Painter with help from his son, Sam. Climbing is new to me, but climbing and doing so at the YMCA's indoor climbing gym has turned out to be a blast. Our group ranges from high school age to geezers (me) and both male and female. Later this season I plan to also bike and get in a raft. All of us should try something new in the outdoors. I know that it will thrill and revitalize you, and be a whole lot of fun.

With the winter season apparently in rapid decline, we may start spring and summer activities earlier than in the past. So start reviewing your calendars and planning on those new adventures.

Sam Pole

Participation on Club Activities Common Adventure / Trips: With the exception of rafting, Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing.

Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure/trip of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure / trip / activity.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email sbpole@cableone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip.

All Trips Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra appropriate protective clothing - no cotton. Hat and gloves or mittens.
4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, personal medications, as needed during the day.
5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
6. Map & Compass
7. Sunglasses
8. Lightweight shelter/space blanket.
9. Appropriate equipment- depending on activity or terrain.
10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
11. Mat to sit on
12. Other personal items of interest

NOTE: The following meeting and time information applies to trips led by Sam Pole. If anyone else is leading a trip call them for the meeting location, time, and to sign up to go.

April 17, 2010, Day Hike / North Menan Butte:

A short 2-3 mile day hike to get our hiking season underway. The butte has been designated a National Natural Landmark and has been featured in geology lab textbooks for volcanic and geomorphic study. Club member Roger Couch has sort of adopted the butte; hikes it almost daily; and has volunteered many hours to trail and facility upkeep. Roger will give us a tour of

"his" butte. Please contact Sam Pole via telephone at 523-4970 prior to the trip. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for sometimes changing weather. Meet at the Ammon Wal-Mart on the garden center end at 9:00 am.

AVALANCHE INTERNET SITES

Cyberspace Snow & Avalanche Center

This one stop site provides links to just about everywhere, plus tons of information about avalanche safety in the back-country: <http://www.csac.org/>

North America: <http://www.avalanche.org/>

Jackson Area: <http://jhavalanche.org/>

Bozeman Area:

<http://www.mtavalanche.com/current/index.shtml>

Island Park Area: <http://islandparksnow.net/>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

<http://www.avalanchecourse.com/>

E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Five hiking trail maps covering trails in the Teton Ranger District are now on the Alpine Club web site. Four of the trails are in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness (Bitch Creek area, Leigh Creek area, Alaska Basin and Table Mtn, Moose Creek & Taylor Mtn) and the 5th covers the Pine Creek area. Also there is a map of the Ashton Tetonia trail

These and additional area maps are available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map

Fall River Ridge Guide Map

Harriman State Park Guide Map

Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map

Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map

www.Delorme.com kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac_climbing or,

via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

CELEBRATE IAC's 50 YOUNG YEARS!!!

Bicycling

For spring bicycling information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 208.522.8135 or by email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

April 1-30: Grand Teton Bicycle Rides

2010 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Continental Divide Trail Association (CDTA) is taking applications for its summer trail projects. Be a part of history helping to build and reconstruct tread, sign, and maintain the "King of Trails" the Continental Divide Trail. This year there will be two projects nearby. To sign up for one of these two or projects in Montana or Wyoming or elsewhere on the CDT go to: WWW.CDTRAIL.ORG Then click Get Involved

Big Table Mountain - Idaho, July 23-31

Caribou-Targhee Nat'l Forest (USFS)
Elevation: 8000' - 9000'
Get those biceps ready! Project work on this part of the CDT will include clearing trail, touching up drainage structures and polishing up retreat. This is a backcountry project with stock support (horses and mules) to help us get our gear into base camp. Excellent physical condition required. Availability: 8-12 volunteers.

Monida Pass - Idaho, Sept 5-12

Caribou-Targhee Nat'l Forest (USFS)
Elevation: 6500'-7500'
With one foot in Montana and the other in Idaho, you can scratch two CDT states off your list. New trail construction with an "old-school" horse and plow for this project. Volunteers will offer support with hand tools to polish up this new trail reroute. Excellent physical condition required. Availability: 8-10 volunteers.

Additionally, the CDTA has a summer job opening for a 2010 Trail Crew Leader, which pays between \$1900 and \$2200 depending on experience. Full details can be found at this link: http://www.cdtrail.org/uploads/news/2010CDTA_CL_MT&ID.pdf.

8th Annual Dubois Grouse Days

Fostering Partnerships for Grouse Conservation
What: A two-day event to celebrate the shrub-steppe ecosystem and the animals that call it home.
Where: Dubois, Idaho (about 45 miles north of Idaho Falls on Interstate 15)
When: Friday April 16 doors open at 5pm for registration and light supper

Happening Hounds Pet Services
IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108
happeninghounds@gmail.com
Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area
Services: Home visits (minimum half hour), overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

Saturday April 17, all day activities starting at 0600 with tours to grouse leks.

Saturday April 17, Banquet and awards ceremony start at 5pm

Why: To promote education and conservation of our western rangeland heritage.

Activities: Guided tours to grouse breeding grounds to view Greater Sage and Sharp-tailed Grouse courtship and The Nature Conservancy's Crooked Creek Ranch and other local highlights, banquet, arts and craft booths, kids activities and art contest, presentations by biologists and ranchers and the Teton Raptor Center; raffle and silent auction. Plus, dedication of the Kent L. Christopher habitat rehabilitation project at Camas National Wildlife Refuge. All proceeds go towards conservation and education, including the Kent L. Christopher Conservation Scholarship for a local high school senior.

Contact: Jeff Liday 208/313/2730
jeff_liday_179@hotmail.com

Website: www.grousedays.org

**50th Anniversary IAC Logo T-Shirts
Retro IAC Patches!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered 50th Anniversary IAC Logo!

Short sleeve \$20 each.
Long sleeve \$25 each.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each.

The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

**2010 Membership Directory to be available at
General Meeting**

Dates to Remember:

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Rides

April 16 -17: Dubois Grouse Days

April 17: Day Hike / North
Menan Butte

Climbing: Subscribe to find out any
updates on the weekly
climbing plans. See page 2
for information on how to
subscribe.

The crocus are coming up, the snow
is melting, the rock is warming up,
the trails are drying out, and the
flows are rising.
Time to get out the summer gear.

**Enjoy the outdoors with the
IAC**

Join today
*For more information write to
the address below or visit our
web site to download a free
newsletter and application:*

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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 Council Meeting Monthly
minutes are available on line.

**Support the Merchants who
Support the IAC**

Show your membership card for
10% discounts on regularly priced
merchandise:

- ★ Happening Hounds Pet Services
Liz Downing (208) 757-0108
happeninghounds@yahoo.com
- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679
Shoup & B (Non-Sale Items
Only)
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226
1352 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes
bicycles)
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes
bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer
members of IAC a 10% discount on
all of their published books.
357-1917 or 357-3166;
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- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking
&
Biking guide books

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