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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

April 13: Whitham's Home	706 Laurelwood
May: Pole's Home	1710 Del Mar Dr.

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
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
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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 5

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 5TH 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

"HIKING AROUND YELLOWSTONE LAKE"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.

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JG McCue of Idaho Falls is in the habit of getting together with his friends each summer to do a backpack somewhere in our area. So in August of 2009 JG and four of his friends, Karen Leibert, Jim Francis, Jim DeAngelis and Mark Hatch decided to backpack around the northern, eastern and southern edges of Yellowstone Lake. What made the group's trip unusual, however, was their average age of around 65. JG's self-styled description of the group was "four geezers and a geezerette".

Starting August 1, not far south of Fishing Bridge, over the course of the next eight days, they hiked south along Southeast Arm, crossed the Yellowstone River in water up to their chests, marched west to spend a night on the peninsula between Southeast and South Arm, then onward to Heart Lake and, finally, in a raging rainstorm, out to the highway by Lewis Lake.

While preparing to set off from the parking lot, a biologist requested that they take a GPS with them that would track them in conjunction with a project to study the Park's radio-collared grizzly bears and their reactions to people. The group did encounter a bear, but fortunately, it ran away from rather than toward them. Come and enjoy JG's slide show of their interesting 50 mile backpack through Yellowstone.

The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org or log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org.

President Speaks

Thus far, the snow has been great. The various river basins are at or above normal for snowpack. And though I have enjoyed downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing at Craters of the Moon and helping to groom trails above Kelly, I have been thinking more and more about warm weather outdoor activities. Sunny days help in that regard. So I look forward to some hiking, biking, climbing and rafting in the not too distant time. I hope all club members are also eager to get out and will avail themselves of club activities to be planned and announced for the coming spring, summer and fall. Continue to enjoy the winter, but spring is here and warming toward summer.

Sam Pole

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips or trips limited to club members: 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 or limited to club member 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.

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

From the Caribou-Targhee NF home page, click on Maps & Publications. This will take you to: "Motorized Vehicle Use Maps" (which don't show non-motorized trails), new official "Forest Maps" covering the whole forest (without topography), and "Other Maps". The "Other Maps" are full color printable maps with topography and are available for the Palisades, Teton Basin, Dubois and Westside ranger districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Hiking scale (1:50,000) maps of popular areas are also available. Other detailed forest and non-forest maps of popular hiking and mountain biking areas (new) are available on the Idaho Alpine Club website under Local Maps.

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

April 23: Day Hike / North Menan Butte: A short 2-3 mile day hike in the afternoon 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. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for sometimes changing weather. Definitely bring your camera.

For meeting time and location, please contact the Whithams via telephone at 520-1728 prior to the trip.

Rafting

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members only) contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org.

For trip information contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description. You MUST be an IAC member to participate in IAC raft trips or to rent IAC gear.

May 27-30: Rafting /Main Salmon Memorial Day Weekend

– The annual trek to Shoup will be repeated this year for 2-3 days of day trips, rafting from the Spring Creek boat ramp down to the new ramp below Panther Creek. Depending on the participants preferences, we will do two runs of the ~12 mile stretch each day and have a potluck in the evening, Saturday and Sunday. We will camp at the Spring Creek Campground on the Salmon about a mile above Shoup. Those interested can go soak well-worked paddling muscles in the hot spring up Panther Creek. Those who participate must help in getting gear to Spring Creek and back, help set up and take down the rafts, and help with the shuttles. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) by May 28 if you plan to go. If you leave a message, indicate how many are coming in your group and whether they have life jackets. Wet suits are strongly recommended.

May & June: Training /Practice Runs for Lake Powell Trip:

Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) with your email address, if interested in participating on these evening paddles, even if you are not planning to go to Lake Powell. He plans to go out several evenings a week, depending on his schedule, and will let those who are interested know by email when he is going. You will need your own canoe or sea kayak and paddles.

June 24 - July 4: Canoe/Kayak Lake Powell Trip.

This a flat water trip on the lake, so no downstream current to help. Page (Wahweep) to Bullfrog is approximately 100 miles. We will paddle about 10 miles per day. This is probably not a beginner trip, unless the beginner can paddle that far daily and is appropriately equipped. We are looking at ways to resupply along the way. We will try to put together some practice runs in the spring. Contact Greg Hulet if interested - 523-6199.

June: Rafting/Fall River Water Dependent(Class III+), 8 miles through canyon near Ashton. Day trip. Could run twice in a day if people are ambitious. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) early if you are interested in running the river when he goes.

Club Gear available:

Rafts can be checked out by those who have demonstrated ability to handle a boat on the type of water to be run. Life jackets are included with each boat. Boats must be returned dry and clean. Damage to boat must be repaired and if extensive, paid for. Checkout fees are for days on the water. All fees go to the rafting fund to buy new equipment:

- 16-ft Ryken self-bailer - \$60/day
- 15-ft Aire self-bailer - \$60/day
- 13.5-ft Maravia self-bailer - \$60/day
- 14-ft Ryken conventional floor - \$20/day
- 14-ft Udisco conventional floor - \$20/day
- 2 - Inflatable kayaks - \$20/day each

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

The weekly climbing location for the winter is generally Stone Walls Climbing Gym on Monday or Wednesday night depending on what is going on at the gym. Subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list for the day and time each week.

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.

Bicycling

For early spring bicycling information, evening club rides, or weekend club rides. contact Jeff Coward at 208.522.8135 or by email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org. Jeff has provided information on the club website, with dates and entry links, for some of the bicycle tours or races in the west. Look for the listing Bicycling 2011.

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.

April 9: Biking / Teton Park Road Ride: The Teton Park road from the Taggart & Bradley Lakes trailhead to Signal Mountain is open for non-motorized traffic until May 1, 2011.

This is a mostly flat ride, with only a couple of minor hills. For those wanting more of a challenge, you can take a side trip to the top of Signal Mountain if that road is plowed. Round trip distance from the Taggart/Bradley Lakes trailhead parking lot to the Jackson Lake Dam, including a return trip via the Jenny Lake loop is about 32 miles. For those wanting a shorter ride, you can avoid one of the two hills by riding out as far as the Jenny Lake loop turnoff and then returning. The scenic views on this ride are superb. A park entrance fee is required.

For meeting time and location, please contact the Whithams via telephone at 520-1728 prior to the trip.

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

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey, some black and some white. 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 women's style short sleeve shirt is available for \$20 on a prepaid special order basis. It is fitted with shorter sleeves in a wicking material.

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.

9th 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)

Contact: Jeff Liday 208/313/2730

jeff_liday_179@hotmail.com

Website: www.grousedays.org

Dates to Remember:

April 6: IAC General Meeting:
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April 9: Bicycling / Teton Park

April 23: Hiking / Menan Butte

May 27 - 30: Rafting / Main Salmon
Memorial Day Weekend

Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates
to the weekly climbing plans.
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how to subscribe.

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can be shared or posted on the wall.
Additionally, photos from club trips you
have gone on can be shared or posted on
the wall singly or as an album.

"There's never enough time to do all the
nothing you want." ~ Bill Watterson
Summer is short!
Let's go explore!!!

**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	
	10/1	7/1-12/31
Individuals:	\$20	\$15
Family:	\$25	\$20

After October 1, the payment of
f u l l y e a r
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.

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Support the IAC**

Show your membership card for 10%
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- ★ Happening Hounds Pet Services
Liz Downing (208) 757-0108
happeninghounds@yahoo.com
- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679
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522-3932 (Accessories Only)
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