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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

Up Coming Programs

Idaho Alpine Club Annual Picnic

August 7th, 6:30pm ~ 4810 West Foxtrail Lane

The annual IAC summer picnic will be held at the home of Alan and Alice Crocket. Grilled items, condiments, plates, utensils, napkins, and beverages will be provided by the club. If you will be attending and your last name starts with A-L, please bring a dessert to share. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring a side dish (beans, potato salad, etc.) to share. We will start cooking at 6:30 pm so bring a lawn chair or two to enjoy the evening. And, if you have any gear that you want to sell or trade, or pictures you want to show, bring them along, too.

Directions: Take Broadway, (Highway 20) west of town to the first right turn after New Sweden Road. Continue on the main road until you reach Canyon Creek Estates and look for Foxtrail Lane.

President Speaks

Wow, August is already here. It seems like yesterday that we were gliding along on our skis and now summer is half-gone. Or, if you're an optimist, half of summer is still left! There's still plenty of time for participating in the "Thursday night Climbs", or to take a raft-trip, or hike/backpack your favorite trails. Of course, if you'll be camping in this dry weather you'll want to check the status of the area you plan to visit to find out about fire-restrictions and plan accordingly. Some areas may even be closed due to local fires so be sure to call ahead so you're not disappointed.

The annual summer picnic is also upon us and with this latest heat wave a 'cool one' seems in order. Be sure to read the picnic information so that you'll know what to bring and where to go. And I know I speak for all the club members when I say "thank you" to the Crocket's for letting us use their home.

Happy Trails,
Tim

IAC Council Meeting- Date: 7/16/2002

Attendees: Tim Adkison, Bob Kroupa, Leon Wolfram, Kevin Coble.

Note taker: Tim Adkison

- 1) Meeting call to order; 7:40pm
- 2) Reading of last months meeting minutes; approved
- 3) Treasurers report;
 General fund: \$ 3,965.85
 Expenditures: \$ 82.90
 Members to date: 158

4) Old business

- Summer picnic plans; \$150.00 appropriated for party items (meat, buns, condiments, drinks, beer, plates, dinner-ware, etc.). Picnic will be held at Alan and Alice Crocket's home on August 7, 2002.

- T-shirt reorder; Tim will get a count of the needed shirts and place an order.

- Order club items (window decals, patches, etc); no input was received after being posted in the bulletin. Tim will mention it at September's general meeting to see if there is any interest in pursuing these items.

5) New business

6) Upcoming membership renewals

- Chamber of Commerce; IAC will renew membership in Idaho Falls C-O-C

General meeting snacks: picnic for August

Next council meeting at: Bob Kroupa's, 521 12th Street East

Following council meeting at: (undecided)

Meeting adjourned; 8:11pm

Dayhikes ~ 2002

Snake River Range

Spencer Peak Daytrip ~ August 18, 2002

Located above Pine Creek Pass in the Snake River Range this hike has an elevation gain of 1,570 feet in 2.8 miles one way to the summit of 8,142 foot Spencer Peak. The scenery from the summit is impressive to say the least. Bring the 10 "E's" and your binoculars. 524.6119 or dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org for more details and to sign up.

Biking ~ 2002

Rigby Lake

This is a road ride from Idaho Falls to Rigby Lake via the lesser used back roads (not on any highways). I am currently planning doing this ride at least once in July and once in August. Distance is about 42 miles round trip. If you are interested in doing this ride, please contact Jeff Coward at jdc1100@srv.net or 522-8135 (home) or 529-0775 (work).

Rafting ~ 2002

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

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

Climbing ~ 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. The 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.

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

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 1/2 to 2 hours.

Date	Location	Leader
August 1	Blackfoot	Peterson
August 8	Paramount	Peterson
August 15	Ririe Dam	????**
August 22	Ross Park Pocatello	????**
August 30	Blackfoot	Peterson

**Eric Peterson not available for Thursday night climb, leaders sought.

Frog Lake Trip Report ~ July 5-7, 2002

Betsy and Tim Adkison and Mark, Donna, Heyburn, and Tyler Whitham loaded up their gear and headed out of Idaho Falls in search of cooler weather at Frog Lake in the White Cloud mountains. At the trailhead near Livingston Mill the sun was high and hot. Hiking up the trail through sage brush and pine trees we looked at paintbrush, arnica, penstemon, scarlet gilia, butter

Frog Lake Trip Report Continued....

and eggs (kind of look like snap dragons) and cinquefoil. The hike follows a well-graded trail that switch backs up to a 9600-foot pass. Views of the White Cloud and Lost River ranges are breathtaking. As the trail descended to Frog Lake we paused to admire Castle Peak, Merriam Peak, Serette Ridge, and Granite Peak. Flowers along the trail included silky phacelia, flax, sulfur flower, and more of the varieties observed earlier. A campsite overlooking Frog Lake and a flower filled meadow was quickly chosen. Rising early we went for a day hike to tour the Boulder Chain lakes. Stream crossings were challenging with wobbly wet logs, rocks under water, and horseflies wickedly determined to chew on us at critical moments. Heyburn and Tyler got to splash their way across the creeks and the little showers they willingly provided were welcome in the heat. Lunch was eaten at Hourglass Lake. The weekend was relaxing and fun with great company. The mosquitoes were fierce and even Heyburn and Tyler appreciated occasional squirts of bug dope. We observed how dry the trails are, the meadow we camped by is usually rather boggy, the lack of snow on the pass, the dried up little ponds, that even Castle Peak was lacking its usual amount of snow, and the flowers blooming were more typical of the flowers that would be blooming closer to late August. It is really dry in our mountains this year so everyone needs to be careful out there. drw^^^

Womens Annual Backpack Trip Report:

July 13-14, 2002

100 degree plus temperatures, leeches, and ferocious horsefly's and deerfly's were no match for the 3 of us brave enough to hike into Hidden Lake on the west slope of the Tetons. Betsy Adkison, Michelle Fox, and Donna Whitham left the car at the Bitch Creek trailhead at the crack of noon. There was an abundance of flowers along the trail to identify, quiz each other about, and photograph. Especially, the flowers in the shade. Delicate butterflies feasting on the flowers. Western Tanagers high in the trees serenaded us as we hiked along. When we arrived at the designated campsite a quarter mile beyond

Hidden Lake we were dismayed to find that the party ahead of us had left the camp in terrible shape with slices of bread scattered here there and every where. Piles of horse manure, quite fresh, laid everywhere we would have liked to camp. Being as the area is considered prime grizzly and black bear habitat, we found another place to camp closer to the lake. The fish in Hidden Lake are quite hefty in size but do require a Wyoming license to fish for them. Betsy and Donna stood in the lake to pumped and slapped flies. Michelle braved the leeches to swim to the middle of the lake. A nice breeze kept the bugs at bay during happy hour and dinner on the lake shore. Square ice-cream in Swan Valley topped off the weekend.

Oliver Peak Trip Report ~ July 21, 2002

Gaining about 2300 feet in 4 miles the Oliver Peak trail climbs steeply in some areas but is mostly a nice moderate grade all the way to the top of the peak. Clouds over the Grand Teton partly obscured the view but we had a marvoul's view of the Snake River Range, the Big Holes, and the north end of the Palisades Creek. Lupine, cow parsnip, larkspur, cinquefoil, evening campion, wild carrot, sticky geraniums, and penstiman were amongst the multitude of flowers dotting the ridgetop meadows. Garney Hardy and Paul Worth joined Mark, Donna, Heyburn, and Tyler Whitham for the enjoyable hike all of us had to the top of Oliver Peak. Dinner at the Angus Cafe in Swan Valley completed the trip.

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
- 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 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