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Open

Day Hiking

Mark/Donna Whitham 520-1728

Please mail completed common adventure forms to the secretary.

General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 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 |

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| Family: | \$25 | \$20 |
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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

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

August Council Meeting: Location TBD

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings.

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.

June Deadline is Midnight July 19

Annual IAC Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, August 4th, 2004 - 6:30 pm

Sealander Park. 65th West (Cinder Butte road) & 65th South (York road / St. John road)

From I15 take Exit 113 West, veer to left onto 65th South to 65th West. Do not turn onto 45th (New Sweden road).

At 65th West continue straight at the pink mailboxes & Drive Slow 10mph sign. (See map on page 2)

Club will provide:

hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages, plates, utensils

What to bring:

A side dish or dessert to share.

Chairs or a blanket to sit on.

Insect repellent.

President Speaks

Hi everyone. The summer season is with us and hopefully you are enjoying the out of doors. They say there is a drought but so far we've had rain on every trip I've been on.

I put in a pitch earlier this year for members to volunteer to lead a trip, but I would also encourage you to sign up for some of the IAC trips coming up. It is kind of disheartening for trip leaders when no-one signs up for their trips. If you're not sure about what the trip will be like call the trip leader and ask.

Meantime plan to come to our annual picnic on Aug 4th. Remember to bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your chair and bug spray. It's a good chance to meet members who participate in activities you don't. Hope to see you there.

Garney

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07/20/2004

Invitees: Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Michelle Benson, Jeff Coward, Barbara Brown, George Cole, Gary Vecillio, Garney Hardy

(Attendees are underlined.)

Note Taker: Garney Hardy

Meeting call to order: 7:40 pm

Reading of previous month meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$556.60

Expenses: \$180.00

Members to Date: 91

Barbara presented the treasurer's report, including a breakdown of general fund and rafting fund balances. She also had a table of general fund balances for the past 18 months. She will provide a chart of balances for the past several years at the next council meeting.

Old Business:

IAC club window stickers (Jeff)

Stickers to be picked up.

Preparation of old bulletins for CD scanning (Barbara/Jeff)

OCR cleanup in progress for the first batch of scanned pages.

IAC Bulletin printing & mailing

The discussion on bulletin costs was continued. Jeff said his quote is correct and does include postage. He would need the bulletin in word format and the address list in excel. Barbara is going to look further into current costs.

August picnic

Plans for the picnic were discussed. We voted to send a donation of \$50 to Sealanders for the use of their park. Betsy will get items for door prize drawings. The club is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Members are asked to bring something to share.

New Business:

T-Shirts

Tim checked on more t-shirts. There is no minimum order, so Michelle will check our supply and we will order enough to have 5 of each size and color available. We need to find out if the price has increased.

Coordinators

We are considering eliminating the caving, kayaking, and canoeing coordinator positions. Garney will call the current coordinators about this.

August 17th council meeting at: Garney Hardy's

1686 Brentwood Drive

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 pm

Backpacking Schedule

August 20 - 29 - Big Horn Crag Part 2: Reflection Lake, Turquoise Lake, Buck and Doe Lakes are all in a part of the Crag we haven't been into before. Ask for the time off at work now so you can come explore with us. The trail has been recently redone so it gently contours into that section of the Crag. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham for more information and to sign up at 520.1728 or Backpack@idahopalpineclub.org.

Dayhike Schedule

August 13 - 14 - Mount Borah: See Climbing / Mountaineering schedule for details. Contact the Whithams for more information and to sign up at 520.1728 or dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org.

Rafting Schedule

Additional Alpine Canyon trips will be scheduled, but group will be held to less than the number required for a permit. Call around to see who might be going.

Aug 14, Henry's Fork (class III), Riverside campground to Hatchery Ford, Contact Jim Lee, 524-5836.

Climbing / Mountaineering Schedule

August 13 - 14 - Mount Borah: The plan is to car camp at the trail head on Friday night, (maybe we will get lucky and see another display of northern lights), arise EARLY on the 14th to hike up while it is cooler and be on our way down before afternoon electrical storms. This is a steep, strenuous, mostly class 3 hike with one short, section of class 4 scrambling. The hike is suitable for the advanced hiker. The elevation gain is about 5400 feet with a little over 2100 feet in the first half mile of the 3.5 miles to the summit. Contact the Whithams for more information and to sign up at 520.1728 or dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org.

Thursday Night Climbing Schedule Summer 2004

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Leader</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| August 5 | Paramount | ??** |
| August 12 | Heise Boulder | ??** |
| | (If Dry) otherwise Paramount | |
| August 19 | Ross Park Pocatello | Peterson |
| August 26 | Blackfoot | Peterson |

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

Bicycling Schedule

Note: If anyone has any rides that they would like to do that are not listed, or any other information of interest, please contact the Idaho Alpine Club bicycling coordinators, Jeff Coward, at 522-8135 (home) or 529-0775 (work) or jdc1100@srv.net or Michelle Benson at 525-3228. Both can be contacted at bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org Your ideas and input are always welcome.

Weekday Bicycling

Of perhaps interest to some of the club membership -- retirees, shift workers, and housewives or house husbands,

or worker bees wanting to take a morning off -- is this year's continuation of the Tuesday morning rides. These are not Alpine Club sponsored rides but many of the participants are members. If you're not on the "bike2004" e-list and would like to be, let me know (barbbrown212@msn.com).

Rescheduled for July 9 - 17, 2005:

Route of the Hiawatha rail trail (Taft Tunnel), Trail of the Couer d'Alenes and Centennial Trail, Couer d'Alene to Spokane (see the club website for details, ride description, and links to local information regarding this ride): This ride is sponsored by the Idaho Alpine Club. The ride starts near the Taft Exit 5 on I-90 near the Idaho - western Montana border. It is suitable for riders of all ages, since the outbound leg is all downhill and there is a shuttle back to the top for those who don't want to ride back up the 2% grade. Anyone who is interested in this trip should contact Jeff Coward.

Non-Club Riding in Idaho Falls

For information regarding Monday Night "Easy" Rides, Wednesday Night "Not so Easy" Rides, and the EROB "Noon" Loop, contact Peter Jensen 208.357.5148, or Peter@EIBike.com.

Trip Reports

Hagerman raft/canoe trip, April 30 - May 2

We all met at Miracle Hot Springs Friday night. This is a small private hot springs and campground on Highway 30 that seems to draw a significant clientele from the Hagerman area. On the grounds are several large domes, two of which are available for rent. They also have an alligator pool in back. We got tent campsites along the creek, they also have RV spaces. It's a short walk to the hot pools, one large one and a smaller covered one next to it.

Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast and soak, we took the canoes and the new IAC inflatable kayak to the boat dock and paddled across the Snake River, which is a big lake at that point, to Fossil Beds National Monument, and poked around a bit. When we looked at the map later we realized we weren't in the best place for finding fossils, but we had a nice paddle. In the afternoon we took the raft and IK and ran the rapids below the dam. It was a fun stretch of class III rapids. When we got to the takeout below the bridge we saw a big celebration taking place on the bridge, complete with grills and balloons. It turned out the bridge had just opened after having been closed since October, causing the residents on one side to have an hour drive to town.

We had dinner and soaked again that evening. The next day most of us went to the Fossil Beds visitors center in Hagerman before returning home. Participants were Vicki, Star and Greg Hulet, Kathy, Tracy and Jim Lee, JoAnn Sherwin, Paul Worth and Garney Hardy.

Chick Trip - July 17 - 18

Due to access issues, we decided to opt for a hike into Skilhem Hot Springs for this years "Chick Trip". The hike is a pleasant trek up Big Smokey Creek in the Smokey Mts. which are in the Sawtooth National Forest. The location is north of Fairfield and west of Ketchum. We car pooled early Saturday morning to the trail head. After anointing ourselves in 100% Deet and smearing sunscreen on top of that, we strapped on our packs and headed up the canyon. The trail climbs steadily through meadows of Segoe Lily, Purple Asters, Cinquefoil, Fleabane, Buckwheat, Dusty Maidens and Silverleaf Phacelia. Then the trail turns upward, rapidly climbing 300 feet before dropping down to a wide camping area just before the hot springs. We dropped our packs to go take a look at the pools. This time of year the creek is a tad high to make the pools next to the creek comfortable to sit in, even though the weather was hot. Upstream a ways is a pool set into the cliff overlooking the creek. A nice warm cascade of water provides a pleasant shower to rinse off in. Yellow Hookers Evening Primrose grows on the shelves next to the pool.

After verifying that we had arrived at the right spot, we strolled back to the campsite to find a family having lunch with their child, dog, and hiking kitty. We proceeded with setting up camp and filtering water. Then tried to soak a bit before dinner. Rumbling in the sky convinced us that perhaps dinner would be a better idea. Michelle provided a tasty lasagna dinner for us accompanied by chocolate pudding. A white tail doe peeked over the bushes at us while we supped. After dinner we lounged around the campfire ring well into the nite. We found that a candle lantern makes a fine substitute for a fire without the sparks burning holes in your clothes. You still get the flickering flame. Our "campfire" was quickly extinguished when we heard something crrrrack in the dark behind us. We didn't see anything or eyes peering at our headlamps. Seemed like a good time for bed. Shortly after, it began to rain and continued to do so most of the night.

We slept in late on Sunday morning then cooked blueberry corn cakes for breakfast. It looked like rain was imminent but we decided to enjoy one more soak before packing to leave. It rained off and on, while we hiked out to the car.

The rain is desperately needed so we didn't mind the wet weather. Plus it kept the dust down on the trail.

We drove home over Dollarhyde summit to Ketchum, where we enjoyed dinner, before returning to Idaho Falls. It was foggy but we all agreed that it looked like it would be a spectacular drive, particularly in the fall. Participants were Garney Hardy, Michelle Benson, and Donna Whitham.

Chocks and Nuts:

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 Michelle Benson to get yours sooner.

Now is the time to make those reservations:

Yurt Rentals for Fall Elk Watching. The Harriman Yurts are each equipped with two futon style bunk beds, woodstove, table and chairs, and propane appliances for light and cooking. The Harriman yurts rent for \$35 per night for a maximum of six people. A reservation fee of \$6.00 is required. The yurts adjoin Harriman's extensive cross-country trail system and are only a short distance from the world famous Henry's Fork of the Snake River.

Reservations for the yurts can be made up to 90 days in advance online or by telephone:

www.idahoparks.org/parks/yurts.html#Harriman, or call the park at 208-558-7368. For information, E-mail the Park har@idpr.state.id.us.

73rd Annual Meeting of the Federation of Western

Outdoor Clubs: The 73rd Annual Meeting and General Convention of the Federation will be held at Camp Sawtooth, Idaho on September 17-19, 2004 in the Rocky Mountains, approximately 8 miles north of the Ketchum/Sun Valley area. This venerable umbrella organization of over fifty wildlife conservation, environmental, and outdoor clubs has fought for nearly three quarters of a century to protect and preserve the natural resources and other values that all lovers of the outdoors hold dear.

The meeting will be held at Camp Sawtooth near Sun Valley, a secluded site in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and bordering the Boulder/White Cloud Mountains (which are being proposed for wilderness in the US Congress). The three day program will feature top flight speakers who will speak eloquently and factually about issues of interest to those living in the western US, and what we can do about resolving them. There will also be short hikes to enjoy the

wild lands near the Camp. Total cost for lodging and food for the three day week end is a mere \$90.

For more information, see the Federation's web site at:

www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org or contact Marty Huebner, Convention Chair, at 1995 McKinzie in Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83404 phone 208-522-6475 or e-mail at patmarty@srv.net. From now on, he will be looking for "strangers" trying to contact him via e-mail in the listings of 'spam' screenings.

Gear review sites:

www.backpacker.com

www.gearreview.com

Geocaching and Letter Boxing:

These are fun things to do if you want to practice with your GPS or just get out for something to do. With Geocaching you enter waypoints in your GPS then navigate to the location to find the cache, or to find directions to other caches kind of like a treasure hunt. The caches vary from being virtual caches where you describe something to claim the find to micro caches to quite large caches with treasures left by other geocachers. If you take something you leave something for someone else to find. For more information go to www.geocaching.com. According to the website there are geocaches located all over the world. You don't have to even leave town to find them although it is more fun to look for them out hiking. Letterboxing is similar except you follow clues to a hidden box or container. Once you find the letterbox, you take a carved stamp from the box and stamp your personal logbook. You then take your stamp and stamp the letterbox's log book. Letterboxes are more commonly found around town but we have found them out hiking too. For more information about Letterboxing see: www.letterboxing.org.

Golden Retriever Summits Aconcagua

The Seven Summits quest may have a new twist following a February ascent of Argentina's 22,834-foot Aconcagua by Rubia, a two-year-old golden retriever. Though dogs are not normally permitted on the mountain, Rubia was authorized to climb the peak as part of a scientific study to determine how rescue dogs function at high altitude. She was outfitted with boots, goggles and a snowsuit, and was roped to her human partners, Carlos Valverde and Marc Ortega of Spain, for the duration of the ascent.

As with first ascents by humans, some controversy exists as to whether Rubia actually was the first canine to summit Aconcagua. More than a decade ago a Chilean newspaper reported that a stray dog accompanied a German and Austrian party to the summit.

Dog owners interested in seeing their pooch follow in the footsteps of Dick Bass by summiting the Seven Summits (or Pat Morrow if you prefer the Karstenz seven) should keep in mind that several dogs already have ascended Denali dating back to 1979, when a dog team summited via the West Buttress. Currently only "working dogs" are allowed in the Denali wilderness, and dogs must be authorized by the NPS before venturing onto the mountain.

Web Site News

If you haven't noticed, the IAC web site (www.IdahoAlpineClub.org) has recently been redesigned. For your convenience, the most recent club bulletins are included as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms in PDF format.
- Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators
- Read the club By-Laws
- Search the club classified ads or post you own ad
- View pictures from recent club activities
- Find out what the 10 E's are anyway?
- Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
- Find links to other cool outdoor websites
- Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org

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.

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

Stone Walls Rock Gym - 528.8610

Call to check Summer Operating Hours

The gym offers a \$1 daily pass discount to Alpine Club members.

Alpine Club Rental Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole
Climbing helmets & Ice axes--Gary Vecellio
Caving helmets, Carbide lamps, Clinometer & compass for cave mapping--Dean K.
Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet
Collapsible Avalanche Shovels--Mark Whitham

Note: The club does have two transceivers which are the old signal and will not be sent out per a council decision in 2000 when the old signal transceivers had been discontinued for several years. They have been for sale as a pair for best offer since then. They are only of value as collector items or for someone with the old signal or the old dual signal receivers. Be aware that rescue can not be expected with these units. The local SAR teams have long since replaced their units with the current standard signal. If anyone is interested in buying the pair contact the Whithams xcski@idahoalpineclub.org with an offer.

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.

to do volunteer work doing trail maintenance or highway clean up. If there isn't a trip scheduled, call the coordinators for the activities you are interested in early in the week. You just might be invited to share in an adventure of some sort. Generally trip participants hear about the coordinators plans for the following week while out in the field. Plan ahead with the coordinators and lead a trip. There are plenty of weekends open on the calendar to schedule a trip so it doesn't coincide with another scheduled trip.

Have a great summer and take a look at what is left of the scheduled trips for the summer season. The fall and winter trips will be scheduled shortly. Don't expect a personal invitation for posted trips or even