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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:
Individuals: \$20
Family: \$25

After July 1:
Individuals: \$15
Family: \$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 2188 St. Clair Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 or by email to rener@srv.net

DISCOVERING THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL

December 6, 2000 @ 8PM

Idaho Falls Public Library - Large Meeting Room

The Idaho Alpine Club is sponsoring a slide show and talk on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail by brother sister team, Leland and Lynna Howard. The Howard's travelogue covers all of the Montana and Idaho portion of the Continental Divide Trail. The presentation is open to the public. Photographers, hikers, and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

Continental Divide Trail - Continued

Author, Lynna and photographer, Leland will be available to answer questions about hiking the trail, and to autograph their books. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Continental Divide Trail books goes to a non-profit organization, Continental Divide Trail Alliance, for maintenance of the trail.

Photography by Leland covers 1,000 miles of high-country scenery in a slide show of exceptionally high quality. Lynna's talk prepares the hiker for the challenge of the most difficult National Scenic Trial in the lower 48 states. Sections of the trails suitable for beginners, for cross country skiing / snowshoeing, and mountain biking will also be highlighted.

President Speaks

It seems like we just barely got the summer equipment organized and now we are getting out the skis and snowshoes again. It is also time to renew your membership if you haven't already. Don't forget that renewals received by January 31, 2001 will save you \$5 off of the membership this year.

This month's program about the Continental Divide Trail will provide plenty of ideas for next year's hiking trips. Lynna and Leland will be available to autograph their books and Idaho calendar which will make wonderful Christmas presents.

Also the avalanche course available through Yostmark in Driggs is an excellent idea for a Christmas present too. The course is quite thorough and makes you realize that you don't have to hike to the top of a mountain to be in avalanche terrain. Anyone who is active in winter sports would benefit from the course. At \$80 per person, the course is very inexpensive.

The 2001 Council will be Tim and Betsy Adkison, Garney Hardy, Kevin Coble, Leon Wolfram, Jeff Coward, Doug Clark, and myself. We are looking forward to the IAC's 41st year of exciting programs and activities. Outgoing council members after serving 2 years on the council are Eric Peterson, Kathy Hellyer, Susan Farnsworth, and Don Norman. Let's hear it for them and the great job they have done.

Check the calendar for the winter activities including the annual Winter Bash which will be at St. Marks Episcopalian Church on January 3, 2001.

Let it snow!!
Donna

Upcoming Programs

January 3 - Annual Winter Member Bash at St. Johns.

Plus, we will have programs on the Cascades and on How to Take Better Photos in February and March.

Renew your memberships NOW and SAVE \$5.

In honor of 40 years of the IAC, members who renew their annual membership, by January 31, 2001 will save \$5. This is a one time renewal savings and your renewal has to be in the Treasurer's hands by January 31, 2001. So don't wait till the last minute to renew.

October Council Meeting Minutes

(8:11pm) - IAC meeting convened. Reading of minutes from September meeting. Approved.

(8:14pm) - General fund \$4,574.00
Rafting \$2,057.00
Expenditures \$ 135.00

[members to date = 131]

(8:19pm)
Old Business

- Underage trip participation forms discussion.

- Sticker/shirt/patch discussion. Tim given approval for sticker design and will find out exact cost of approved design. Approval for T-shirt order given and order to be placed for 24 shirts (6 small, 6 medium, 12 large) and half of ordered colors to be white and half gray.

(8:47pm) - Council member nomination discussion.

(8:49pm) - Wilderness first-aid course discussion. Course fee to be set after room located for course.

(9:04pm) - Raft acquisition proposal discussed. Eric to contact appropriate person.

(9:05pm)
New Business

- Website updating discussion. Website viewed.
- Need co-coordinator for climbing/mountaineering leader position. Discussion of previous trip participation as a pre-requisite for future climbs/events especially for events requiring reservations for permits such as the Grand Teton climbing trip.

- Trifold update. Trifolds to be updated after upcoming elections have taken place. Discussion of email received by Donna from Boise members. Trifold to be evaluated (non gratis) by professional graphics company / person.

(9:50pm) - Meeting adjourned.

Climbing Co-Coordinator Needed for the 2001 Thursday Night Climbs

Eric would like someone to help him out this next summer on the Thursday night climbs to set the ropes and lead the routes. Contact Eric for more information about the position at 529.9538.

American Avalanche Institute Level 1 Avalanche Course

Sponsored by Yostmark - January 12, 13, & 14 2001

This is an excellent avalanche education course for educating yourself about avalanches or refreshing your skills if you have taken this course before. The cost is \$80 per person which is a bargain since the Avalanche Institute charges substantially more to take the same course individually through them. Even if you aren't hiking up to the top of Glory Bowl and are just puttering up one of the canyons you will learn to recognize the potential hazards from avalanche chutes above that nice peaceful looking canyon floor.

The planned schedule is as follows:

Friday American Legion Hall, Driggs, ID

1830: Introduction names, goals, and schedule, why avalanche education is important

1900: Avalanche Triangle
 1910: Snow Formation - above the surface of the snow pack
 1930: Snow on the surface
 2000: Snow below the surface
 2030: Types of avalanches & nomenclature
 2100: Done

Saturday, Morning Classes - Am. Legion Hall

0800: Weather's influence on the snow pack
 0845: Terrain
 0945: Route finding and safe travel protocols
 1015: Snow behavior and avalanche mechanics
 1115: Beacon introduction: Primary, Secondary, and Fine Searches
 1200: Lunch
 1300: FIELD SESSION - Meet by upper ticket office - Grand Targhee Ski Area - Terrain Analysis, crystallography, beacon practice
 1700: End of field session at Targhee
 1800: OPTIONAL CLASS - Snow mobility: The Benefits and Pitfalls of travelling on snow boards and snowmobiles - Am. Legion Hall
 1845: Done

Sunday

0730: FIELD SESSION Meet at Teton Pass Parking Lot Beacon function check, informal and formal stability tests, further beacon practice, and ongoing snow pack/avalanche observations
 1200: End Field Session
 1300: CLASSROOM SESSION Am. Legion Hall - Spatial variability and other limitations of stability tests
 1345: Human factors in avalanche decision making
 1430: Backcountry avalanche forecasting and decision making
 1515: Rescue procedures
 1545: Formal review and questions
 1700 Done

For more information and to sign up contact:

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<http://www.yostmark.com>

Snowshoe Trips

December 16 - Women's Snowshoe Trip
 Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Call Donna for more information and to sign up. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net

Cross Country Ski Trips - 2000

Feb 24 - Ponds Lodge to Harriman
 It is epic. Northeast of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Rolling intermediate terrain. Trail is rated as advanced due to the 12+ miles. A shuttle will be needed so those that would rather ski at Harriman could drop the rest of the skiers off at Ponds and drive the cars back to Harriman. End of the day beverages and snacks. Ski Club members will need to provide their ski club member number. Call Mark and Donna for more information and to sign up. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net

Wilderness First Aid / Wilderness First Responder Renewal April 21 - 22

Mark your calendars for this intense hands on two day First Aid course like no other first aid course you have ever taken. Watch the bulletin for more details on cost and location. There are 15 of us who have WFA certifications expiring in May 2001.

Kelly Canyon Ski Report

Paul McCarthy and Norm Kramer skied from the Y-Junction to the hut site via the Upper Hut Trail November 28th in about 14+ inches of snow. Conditions were good. The snow was heavy but not crusted.

About a week ago Road 218 was plowed to the Y-Junction for getting the cement truck to the new tubing hill lift foundations. Four wheel drive and a skilled driver was OK for getting to the Y-Junction.

The tent is not there yet. Paul and Norm are waiting for the Kelly alpine hill to open before they set it up. The Y-Junction toilet is installed and the trailer with the track grooming equipment is at the cattle guard.

Access Fund Update:

Congress Allocates \$800,000 for Castle Rock Ranch, ID

In October a longstanding Access Fund project took a giant step toward completion. Congress passed the Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act. The document authorizes a land exchange in southern Idaho that will lead to a new state park.

In a recent budget bill, Congress allocated \$800,000 to pay for the land exchange, which should be completed by the end of this year. The Access Fund and the Conservation Fund worked together to purchase the Castle Rock Ranch in 1998 to preserve it from development. "Castles" is of interest to climbers due to the dozens of granite rock formations with climbing opportunities similar to nearby City of Rocks National Reserve. The Access Fund and the Conservation Fund worked closely with Senator Larry Craig and Congressman Mike Simpson of Idaho to pass the necessary legislation, including testifying

twice at congressional committee hearings, and to obtain funding to pay for the land exchange.

The Access Fund thanks Senator Craig and Congressman Simpson for their staunch support for this project, which has the support of local business, area residents, the National Park Service, and the State of Idaho. For more information, consult the Access Fund website at

<http://www.accessfund.org/ActionAlerts.html> or call Sam Davidson, senior policy analyst at 831-770-14523.

IAC LOGO T-SHIRTS!!

The t-shirts are really cool! Short sleeves, crew neck, heather grey (just dark enough to not show dirt unless you wallow in the mud) Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! The logo is sooo detailed that you can even see the rope hanging from the little climber! \$12 each. Sizes Medium, Large and X-Large. These shirts are great out in the field. They dry really fast and don't get stinky like the polypro stuff does after a couple days or even a week on the Teton Crest Trail. 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.

Club Member Benefits

K & R Adventure Gear - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on hiking, climbing, and outdoor equipment. For more information the web address is www.knradventuregear.com and email: knrgear@srv.net or call Kurt or Rebekah locally at 208.522.5279 or toll free at 1.877.369.7407.

Canyon Whitewater Supply - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on rafting and kayaking non-sale

supply and accessory items. For more information call 208.522.3932

All Topo Maps on CD-ROM are now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. Singles may join the AAC for \$40 (instead of \$65) Couples may join for \$65 (instead of \$92.50). Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your Idaho Alpine Club membership card to get the discounted rates. Applications can be accessed on the AAC website:

<http://www.americanalpineclub.org> or at IAC general meetings.

10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:
--Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B
--Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station
--Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (non rafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Plus much more!

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts
Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

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-- Leon Wolfram

Climbing harness, carabiner & figure 8-- Eric Peterson

Caving helmets-- Dean K.

Carbide lamps-- Dean K.

Ice axes-- Leon Wolfram

Clinometer & compass for cave mapping---Dean K.

PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie 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.-9:30 p.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.]*

Web site news

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's

homepage at <http://www.srv.net/~iac> 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