

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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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](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Up Coming Programs:

January - Annual Winter Party and Membership  
Drive

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## **Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness**

Wednesday, December 5, 2001, 8 PM, at the Idaho Falls Library

Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness is a multi-media slide show documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. This 20-minute journey through redrock splendor invigorates and motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique lands. Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music and words from concerned Utahns who wish to pass this heritage onto future generations, including a special reading by Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner from his famous Wilderness Letter.

## Wild Utah - Continued

In conjunction with a 30 minute presentation on the current status of the Utah wilderness movement by Bob Brister, Outreach Associate of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, this inspirational and informational event is a must see for citizen's wishing to become personally involved to make the difference in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

## President Speaks

It has been a lot of fun as President of the IAC but it is time to move on. The 2002 Council members are Michelle Fox, Bob Kroupa, Gary Vecellio, Jeff Coward, Kevin Coble, Leon Wolfram, Betsy Adkison, and Tim Adkison. Please give them your continued support and cooperation.

It is time to start renewing your memberships for the year 2002. Don't wait till the last minute and lose out on the great trips, parties, discounts (local and mail-order), informative and entertaining monthly programs, excellent classes offered at a discount or free like Wilderness First Aid, CPR, or Map and Compass, and opportunities to meet other people who like to do the same outdoor activities as you.

See ya out there!!

Donna

## IAC Council Meeting - Nov 27, 2001

Invitees: Donna Whitham, Garney Hardy, Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Bob Kroupa, Michelle Fox, Kevin Coble, Jeff Coward, Leon Wolfram, Gary Vecellio, Rene Miller

Meeting started: 8:21pm

November note taker: Tim Adkison

## Agenda topics

Reading of last months meeting minutes.  
(Approved)

### Treasurers report (Garney)

General fund: ~\$3,153.00

Rafting fund: ~\$648.00

Expenditures: ~\$191.00

Members to date: 153

(Short discussion about moving IAC accounts to new bank and who needs to sign signature cards for account access)

### Old business

Boise membership seperation discussion. Donna Whitham will call Alan Queen to find out response to IAC separation letter.

Web site server update. Gary Vecellio to contact George Cole about finding "free" server space.

Winter party plan. Tim Adkison has reserved a room at the soup kitchen for the party on Jan. 9. Officers to provide treats and other members are invited to do so as well.

Update of trifold by Donna (Approved).

Discussion of time frame to mail general meeting mailings (Discussed).

### Election of 2001 officers

Treasurer - Bob Kroupa, nominated and elected.

Secretary - Jeff Coward, nominated and elected.

Vice-president - Michelle Fox, nominated and elected.

President - Tim Adkison, nominated and elected.

December meeting snacks: Bob Kroupa

December meeting at: Michelle Fox, January 3, 2002. 1325 Hoopes, #16.

January meeting at: Bob Kroupa, January 29, 2002. 521, 12th Street.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00pm

## **XC Ski / Snowshoe Trips**

### **December 15 - Woman's Snowshoe Trip**

Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Call Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **January 4 - Idaho Park & Ski Free Day**

Join us at Harriman Park to cross country ski and snowshoe without having to buy a Park & Ski Pass. Or get out and try one of the other many great Park & Ski areas nearby. Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Boise Park & Ski permit sellers have maps that show where those areas are. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **January 27 - Brunch & Ski at the South Fork**

Brunch & Ski at the South Fork Lodge Nordic Center trail system. 20k of the trails are groomed for skating as well as traditional diagonal stride. An additional 14k is groomed for skate skiing only (which translates to lots of herringboning on traditional gear if one is following a skater). We'll ski, eat, and ski some more. Trail Fees are \$12 per day but if we can get a large enough group together we may be able to swing a discount. Brunch at the restaurant along the banks of the Snake River is fabulous. If you have a Targhee Vertical Value Pass the food is 15% off or Idaho Falls Ski Club members can show their membership card for a 10% discount on the food. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **February 16 - 17 - Teton Canyon Overnight**

East of Idaho Falls, near Driggs. Ten miles round trip moderate trail. Camp overnight at Teton Canyon campground, set-up camp, and do transceiver practice. Depending on snow stability conditions, we will ski into the Jeddiah Smith Wilderness Area before skiing back to the cars on Sunday. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **February 23 - Ponds to Harriman**

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 or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **March 16 -17 - Huckleberry Hot Springs**

East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on an additional mile to Polecat Hot Springs to camp and soak there. This is also great snowshoeing terrain. This is the annual celebration of Mark's birthday too. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **March 30 - Meadow Lake**

Located 110 miles north of Idaho Falls in the Lemhi Mountains. 5.5 miles of moderate difficulty with a 2000 foot elevation gain to Meadow Lake Campground. This trip is not recommended for beginners. Snowshoers are welcome. Leashed dogs are welcome. We meet in Idaho Falls to car pool to the trail head at the old town site of Gilmore. End of the day beverages and snacks. Ski Club members will need to provide their ski club member number. Bring towels and tevas in case it is necessary to ski the hot springs at Goldbug instead. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

## **Bike Trips ~ 2002**

### **April 7 - Bike Trip in Yellowstone Park**

The roads will be closed to motorized traffic for two weeks after park has plowed them. Idaho Mt. Trading will be running this trip so contact Mike at IMT for details 523.6679. Mike also plans to give us another short presentation of preparing your bike for the season at our April meeting.

### **April 27 - 28 - Bike Trip and Overnight Camp Out in Teton Park**

This is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. Every year the weather has been different for this breathtaking 32 mile round trip to the dam from the Bradley and Taggart Lake trail head parking lot. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

## Harriman State Park Snow Conditions

On Monday, November 27th Harriman reported that they had received approximately 12" inches of snow with more expected by the end of the week. Park staff will begin grooming ski trails when we reach 18 to 20" of snow. Until then, skiing is still great, just watch for the few bare spots. The snow we have received is good and will provide a good base for the remainder of the season. If you know of anyone who would like to receive updates concerning activities at Harriman State Park, send the email address to [har@idpr.state.id.us](mailto:har@idpr.state.id.us)

## Skiing and Snowshoeing with Your Dog

Ski or snowshoe in the National Forests with your dog. We take our dogs all the time and they absolutely love it. Check their paws occasionally to make sure snow is not balling up between their toes. PAM cooking spray supposedly helps prevent balling but in practice our dogs spend so much time licking it that they ice up even worse. On hard pack booties will stay on their feet and protect them. The booties pull right off in the soft stuff though. Take along some soft doggie treats for them to snack on. Also keep an eye on them that they are not getting over exhausted trying to keep up with you. Like small children your dog is susceptible to going hypothermic quite quickly when they become tired and chilled. Keep them leashed or rig up a harness on your dog to fasten with quick release clips and equalizing knot to your pack belt.. Don't let them just run loose. Beginners or people with small children or people with their own dogs on leash do

not share the fun when an unleashed dog bounds up and creates pandemonium or worse yet jumps on them and knocks them down. If you are out with your dog anywhere where ski tracks have been set by a track setter or where people have been snow shoeing, be a good dog owner and keep your dog out of the tracks and move any doggie bombs out of sight where they won't get tromped on or skied thru or be visible when the snow melts in the spring. None of us like brown klisters on the bottom of our skis or snowshoes.

## Club Member Benefits

**10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:**

- Idaho Mountain Trading,  
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- Timberline Outfitters,  
A Street, Idaho Falls - 552-3853  
[www.timberlineoutfitter.com](http://www.timberlineoutfitter.com)
- K & R Adventure Gear  
522-5279 or 877-369-7407  
[www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply  
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls.  
522-3932

**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

\* 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

## **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](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) lately?  
Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site: