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2007 Council

President	Bob Tyler	787-2601
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Jerry Painter	523-9428
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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

12.13.2007: K. Krivanek's home, 2185 St Clair Rd.

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
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Climbing/Mountaineering		
	Kevin Coble	529-8142
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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.

JANUARY Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on December 10

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th 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

"Rowing to Alaska"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007, 7:30 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Pete Oslund was an avid climber when he severely injured his legs in a fall while doing repairs on the roof of his church.

Unfortunately, he had to give up climbing and find a new pursuit. Casting about for a new activity, he took up kayaking- but in a big way. He designed and built a wooden kayak and fitted it with oarlocks and proceeded to row it 1200 miles from Bellingham, WA to Sitka, AK over the course of two summers. He rowed on the rainy days as well as the sunny ones and camped on the shoreline wherever his day ended, sometimes in places frequented by grizzly bears. What is most inspiring about Pete is that he rowed to Alaska at an age when many of us would choose to cruise the world on a comfortable recliner encamped in front of a TV. So come and enjoy Pete's slide show of this memorable trip.

The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org, or contact Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

President Speaks

When a club has endured for 47 years such as our club has, institutional memory becomes an issue. Councils come and go; resolutions are passed, and then eventually are forgotten. To rectify this problem, the current council reviewed the minutes of prior council meeting all the way back to 1992 to cull any resolutions mentioned in the minutes. We then selected which resolutions we wanted to retain and use to govern the club by currently. Finally, we posted the resolutions to a new page on the club's website, www.idahoalpineclub.org, called "Policies and Procedures" which will serve as a repository of the rules that, in conjunction with the club's bylaws, we will use to govern the operations of the club. Now when the council addresses an issue, we won't have to "reinvent the wheel" if a policy already exists that addresses the question under consideration. The club's bylaws are also located on the new page.

We learned of an unfortunate example of institutional forgetfulness recently when we decided to approach Bill's Bike Shop and Alpine Schwinn Cyclery to see if they would give our members a 10% discount on merchandise. They said they had agreed to give club members a 10% discount years ago when someone from the club's council had requested it. Somewhere along the way, as club leaders and members changed, the discount was forgotten. So, better late than never, Bill's Bike Shop and Alpine Schwinn Cyclery have been added back to the list of other merchants that generously give our members a discount. Be sure to have your IAC membership card with you to show you are a current member when requesting the IAC discount from the merchants who offer these discounts. Bob Tyler

2008-2009 IAC Council Election Results:

At November's membership party, the following people were newly elected to the council for two year terms beginning in January: Jim McBride, a retired mechanical engineer who first joined the club back in the 1960's, Holly Preslar, a student at BYU-Idaho majoring in physical therapy and Mark Whitham, our current cross country skiing and snowshoeing coordinator. Re-elected to the council is our current vice-president Teak Cummings. At the December council meeting, as per our bylaws, the council members will choose from among themselves a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer to serve one year terms for the calendar year 2008. The council members' whose terms expire at the end of this year are Teak, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew and Judy Williams.

XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Additional trips to be added over depending on conditions.

December 2 XCSki: Ricks Basin: Depending on conditions we will XC ski on the groomed Nordic trails at Grand Targhee Resort. There are 10 miles of groomed trails that range from beginner to advanced. Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors or children.

December 8 Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt: We plan to search for the perfect tree in the Big Holes. Tree hunting tag required. Tags may be obtained at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center or the Forest Service or if they have any left, at the Swan Valley Commissary. Last year the tags were \$5 for up to a 12 foot tree.

December 29 XCSki/Fall River Ridge: The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located 10 miles east of Ashton on the Cave Falls Road. There are 7 to 8 miles of trails in this system, that are suitable for beginners to the intermediate skier. The terrain

consists of rolling hills dotted with meadows and stand of lodgepole pine and aspen trees. A parking area is at the trailhead. Depending on conditions this may turn into a snowshoe trip.

January 5 XCSki: Brimstone: The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located ¼ mile north of the Island Park Ranger Station near Ponds Lodge Resort. There are four large loops that are classified as beginner to intermediate. The terrain varies from gentle grades to downhill runs through tree groves. There are nine miles of trail in this area and offer views of the Island Park Reservoir, Box Canyon, and the Buffalo River.

January 6 XCSki/Harriman State Park: Meet at the park to Classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Day pass is \$2 plus parking fee approx. \$3.

February 10 XCSki: Ricks Basin: Depending on conditions we will skate or XC ski on the groomed Nordic trails at Grand Targhee Resort. There are 10 miles of groomed trails that range from beginner to advanced. Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors or children.

February 17 XCSki/Harriman State Park: Meet at the park to Classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Day pass is \$2 plus parking fee approx. \$3.

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PARK 'N' SKI INFORMATION

While we all would prefer to ski free, Park N' Ski permits have financed much of the cross-country skiing development in Idaho during the past several years. Purchasing a pass provides a funding source for ski clubs and agencies interested in maintaining and developing cross-country skiing facilities. Services offered to skiers vary from year to year depending on volunteer support, donations and revenue generated through the sale of Park N' Ski permits. Poor snow years

and no support of the program often translate into low income, thus reduced services. When you purchase a \$25 annual permit, or a 3- day temporary permit for \$7.50, the money is dedicated by law to be used exclusively for improving cross-country skiing opportunities. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved.

For more information about the Park 'N' Ski Pick up a guide at one of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Island Park. Two of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls are:

Idaho Mountain Trading 474 Shoup Ave
Idaho Falls 523.6679

Eastern Idaho Visitor Info 505 Lindsay
Blvd Idaho Falls 523.1012

Please note: Ponderosa and Harriman State Parks are no longer apart of the Park N' Ski program. These parks provide Premium Nordic experiences and are subject to Premium Nordic Ski Grooming Fees.

East Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Kelly Canyon Snowshoe Trails Update: Two new snowshoe trails were created last winter and another was cut this fall. One of last years new trails extended the connector trail to connect Big Slot with Corkscrew. With completion of this trail you can now take the trail that starts about road 100 yards beyond lift number 4, parallel the road and rejoin the road just short of the Y-junction. This is also the starting point for the Repeater trail which leads to the new cell phone tower on Kelly Mt. While the connector trail is fairly easy, the Repeater trail is steep and rough in places.

The trail created this fall (Hut) branches off of the Repeater after 0.3 miles and continues another 0.8 miles to the Kelly Mt Ski Hut. It provides a more interesting, but still easy way for snowshoers to get to the hut and it avoids conflicts with skiers.

These trails are included in the new black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area brochure that will be available locally and at the trailhead.

A full color version of the current map can be downloaded from the IF Ski Club's web site, www.ifskiclub.com.

Another new feature at Kelly is the large parking lot and permanent toilet at the Y-Junction which were provided under a grant request approved and funded by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund.

These and additional area maps are available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map

Fall River Ridge Guide Map

Harriman State Park Guide Map

Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map

Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map

www.Delorme.com kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is also available at the same web site.

XC Ski Yellowstone National Park:

Book Yellowstone Nordic Ski Packages which do offer discounts by calling the individual reservations office at 307-344-7311 and requesting the Nordic Heaven package. This will include a welcome gift, breakfast each day of the stay, a snowcard per person (good for 10% discounts on SELECT gift shop, food, snowcoach transportation, activities, and ski shop items), 1 full day ski rental per person, unlimited ski drops per person and 1 hour hot tub rental per room (at Mammoth only). This package is good at both Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Make reservations for snowcoach transportation into Old Faithful at the same time and receive 10% off with the snowcard.

Trail Maintenance

Contact Alan Crockett if you would like to help him on trail maintenance projects particularly in the fall getting the Kelly Canyon XC Ski and Snowshoe trails ready for winter, [abcrock.fu73573 at msn.com](mailto:abcrock.fu73573@msn.com).

**RENEW NOW=
HAVE FUN ALL YEAR**

Climbing

For information on fall and winter trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354.

Grant Applications

Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 25, 2008: The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of grants to government and private entities in Idaho for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities. Governmental entities and private organizations can apply for grant funding. All projects are reviewed by the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board for final approval.

Grant Forms are available at www.idahoparks.org/aboutus/grants/trails.asp

Trail Etiquette & Safety

- Be considerate of other traffic on all trails.
- Yield to skiers on a downhill run.
- Make every effort to clear the trail if you stop or fall.
- Do not walk or snowshoe on either skier set or machine set ski tracks on marked ski trails. Note: Skiers may choose to skin up or run down a snowshoe track that is marked or may even parallel a ski trail to avoid breaking trail but that is their choice.
- Ski under control always; avoid trails that are beyond your ability.
- Register your trip at the trail sign-in locations; use trail maps and signs to plan your trip.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return before leaving town. Then stick to those plans.
- Ski with a partner, especially on the ungroomed trails and back country ski runs.
- Make it a habit to carry the 10 "E's"; extra gear, water, snacks, flashlight, a compass and or a GPS (with extra batteries), trail or area maps, a cell phone (very poor reception if any except for on the ridge tops in most areas), and fire starting tools, even on short trips.

- Be aware that trail conditions can change greatly with changing snow, trail and weather conditions.
- Watch for and yield to trail grooming equipment.
- Keep your dogs under control (leash or in your immediate line of sight) and off of groomed tracks, and clean their refuse from the trail. Remember even other dog lovers do not care for someone else's dog showing up unsupervised, ill mannered, and leaving refuse in the trail.

Support merchants who Support the IAC

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading
523-6679
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226
1352 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books.
357-1917 or 357-3166;
lynna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- ★ Stone Walls Rock Gym. \$1 off of Daily Rate. Call 528.8610 for information and winter hours.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

White Sale!!!!

"All long sleeve white T-shirts are now \$14 instead of the normal \$21.

These would make a great Christmas stocking stuffer for the hiker that has everything. We have 9 of these shirts in the following sizes and will not be ordering any more white; this is your last chance"

- 2 small
- 1 large
- 6 X-large

Contact the club Treasurer to buy now.

Dates to Remember:

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Now you have no excuse,
so get out there
and experience it!

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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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883

www.IdahoAlpineClub.org

Membership Fees

Full Year 7/1 to 10/1

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.

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Monthly minutes are available at

www.idahoalpineclub.org

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

IAC Stickers

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

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