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CLIMBING MOUNTAINEERING BACKPACKING DAYHIKING BICYCLING XCSKIING SNOWSHOEING RAFTING

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Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

December: Krivanek's Home 2185 Saint Clair Road

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
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

Trip descriptions, reports, and material 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

BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND

Skiing the Haute Route

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008 ~ 7:30 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Last April, Mitch and Paul Curtis spent seven days skiing the Haute Route from Chamonix to Zermatt and will share slides of their exploit at this month's meeting.

Mitch and Paul are both experienced outdoors men. Mitch has worked as a river guide and Paul is an avid rock climber and kayaker. Four friends joined Mitch and Paul along with a guide for the trip that traversed three countries: France, Italy and Switzerland. Everyone used randonee gear except Mitch who was one of only a few skiers who attempt the Haute Route on telemark gear. The skiing was challenging to the point that one member of the group found his skills were lacking and had to bail out and descend.

There was danger too! One day, after a storm, with avalanches releasing around them with cracking sounds like gunshots, they looked up to see an avalanche bearing straight down on them. Fortunately, it stopped 50 yards away but it was close enough that the wind blast just about knocked them over. Another unnerving moment came when the ski tracks of a group just in front of them disappeared beneath the runout of a fresh avalanche and re-appeared on the other side. The group's guide dealt with the objective dangers by relying on a grim sense of humor as when he yelled at Mitch and Paul for skiing too close together and warned he could afford to lose one client to a falling serac but not two.

Come to the library and check out Mitch and Paul's entertaining account of their thrilling 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

We have three new council members after the annual membership party. Colleen Bohan, Susan McKinley and Sam Pole are the new council members and Jeff Coward is returning for another term. I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to run for positions on the council.

Thank-you for the good work to the council members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year: Jeff Coward, Ken Krivanek, Jerry Painter, and Jo Ann Sherwin.

If you didn't make it to the 48th Annual Meeting and Membership Drive Party, you missed another one of Teak's outstanding parties. Many thanks to Teak for all the work to put on the party and to Idaho Mountain Trading, Teton Pilates Studio, Jerry Painter, Stone Walls, and IAC for donating raffle prizes for the annual party.

I would also like to thank all the activity coordinators for the past year. Getting involved is what has made the club work for the last forty-eight years. Something else that makes the club work is participation. Participation in meetings, parties like the membership party and participation in the trips are all essential to make the club work. So look in your next bulletin and find a trip that looks interesting. Call the activity coordinator and make plans to go, it's that simple. If you don't like any of the trips that are listed, then call the activity coordinator and either volunteer to lead a trip your self (the coordinator can tell you how) or talk the coordinator in

to leading the trip. Remember that the bulletin editor will need some time to get the trip listed in the news letter so plan ahead...

Mark Whitham

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 the winter, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed as many times as they were last year, or the weather too severe, the location of a trip may change or the trip may be canceled altogether.

Carry or Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra Winter appropriate protective clothing-no cotton. Hat and gloves or mittens.
4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, personal medications, as needed during the day.
5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
6. Map & Compass
7. Sunglasses
8. Lightweight shelter / space blanket.
9. Appropriate equipment-skis or snowshoes, boots, poles, skins, shovel and avalanche transceiver depending on activity or terrain.
- 10 Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape and wax kit or glide liquid.

11Mat to sit on

Other personal items of interest

December 6 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. This year the tags are \$10 for up to a 12 foot tree. For more information and to sign up for this easy fun trip, call the Whithams at 520.1728 or 520.7232.

December 14 XCSki or Snowshoe at 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. \$4.

January 1 Snowshoe Kelly Canyon Nordic Area:

Join us in welcoming in the new year with a snowshoe trip and an optional soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. The trails are adjacent to the Kelly Canyon Ski Resort about 30 - 45 minutes NE of town.

E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area map brochure 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.

A 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.

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 at 522-9354. To find out about late fall and winter climbing locations or about impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting: http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac_climbing or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

The great thing about the e-mail list is that any club member, can plan a trip and let other club members who have subscribed to the list know about it. So speak up if you've got a trip you want to plan.

TWO MAXIM ROPES RECALLED New England Ropes, makers of Maxim climbing ropes, has announced a recall of its yellow/black and red/yellow Apogee 9.1mm ropes (sold between August 2006 and May 2008) and its blue Pinnacle 9.5mm rope (sold between February 2007 and May 2008). Climbers should immediately stop using these ropes and contact Maxim by phone to arrange a replacement; call toll-free at 1-866-617-9038. For more information on the recall: www.neropes.com/maxim/recall/.

Contra Dancing in Idaho Falls

Join the fun! Great cross training!!

All dates are fourth Saturdays, except May.

Nov. 22, 2008

December - no dance

Jan. 24, 2009

Feb. 28, 2009 Mar. 28, 2009

Apr. 25, 2009

May 16, 2009 (third Sat.)

Beginners are always welcome. (Please try to arrive at 7:30 for the beginners' workshop the first 30 minutes.)

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 325 Elm ST

When: Dance begins 8:00

Cost: \$5/person or \$20 per family

Who: Everyone! You do NOT need to know how to dance and DON'T need to bring a partner.

Support the 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.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Thursday

4-10 PM Friday

12 - 10 PM Saturdays

★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

Big Holes Mtn. Bike Trail Maps

New US Forest Service maps of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts have been posted on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website. To see them go to:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps.shtml> for the map index)

reflecting the new summer travel plan for the Big Holes and some trail number changes elsewhere.

These changes are reflected a set of 10 maps covering all of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts at a scale of 1:112,500.

Twelve "specialty" trail maps have also been revised. These are hiking scale maps, 1:50,000 scale, covering popular hiking, ATV and motorcycle trail areas.

One entirely new map shows the newly designated and constructed mtn biking trails in the Horseshoe Canyon area west of Driggs.

These color maps are free for download and the only current maps available to the public. The trail designations are now legally enforceable.

Dates to Remember:

DECEMBER 3: IAC GENERAL MEETING
Skiing the Haute Route

December 6: Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual
Christmas Tree Hunt

December 14: Snowshoe / XCSki /
Harriman State Park

January 1: Snowshoe Kelly Canyon
Nordic Area

Climbing: Subscribe to find out the
weekly climbing location.

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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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 Monthly
minutes are available at
www.idahoalpineclub.org

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew
neck, heather grey Dri Release material
with embroidered IAC Logo! Short
sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21
each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and
X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color
IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10
each.

The shirts and patches 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.

Grey Sale!!!!

All long sleeve grey silk screened IAC
logo T-shirts are now \$14 instead of
the normal \$21. All short sleeve grey
silk screened IAC logo T-shirts are now
\$10 instead of the normal \$14. These
would make a great gift for the hiker
that has everything. We will not be
ordering any more silk screened logo T-
shirts; this is your last chance. Contact
the club Treasurer for size availability
and to buy now.

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