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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Nov 29: Bohan's Home 748 Adell

NOTE: 2011 November/December Meeting

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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.

JANUARY Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on DECEMBER 5

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 5TH 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

Kilimanjaro by the Western Breach Route!

Wednesday, DECEMBER 7, 2011, 7:00 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Eric and Kathy Peterson climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (19,341ft) Africa's highest mountain, the highest free-standing mountain in the world and one of the earth's "seven summits." They completed their summit quest by the Lemoshu-Western Breach-Crater Route (9 days on the mountain) in December of 2010, reaching the summit at 5:00 pm local time December 31, 2010. During the seven-day approach trek they passed through several climatic environments starting with the rain forest moving into the alpine heather and emerging into the high altitude arctic desert zone (imagine an arctic desert zone just 2 degrees off of the earth's equator!). The climb culminated in a 2800 ft climb of the Western Breach of Kilimanjaro's crater going from 16,000 ft to 18,500 ft in a single effort. Based upon their experience, they felt that the Western Breach route is plain and simply the route to experience the thrill of climbing Kilimanjaro. It is one of the least crowded routes, it is one of the most fascinating and it is long enough to provide proper acclimatization. This is essentially the same route that the IMAX team ascended during the filming of "Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa". The Western Breach route is more risky due to the potential for rock falls. All commercially guided clients are required to bring light-weight climbing helmets and wear them for 6 hours during the early morning ascent of the "breach" in Kilimanjaro's crater.

Following the 9 day climb of Kilimanjaro, Eric and Kathy spent 3 days on safari enjoying the comforts of clean hotels, showers, and being able to see large game animals in their native environments. In this presentation, Eric and Kathy will talk about the preparations that they made to go both to Africa and high altitude as well as describe many of their experiences while on the mountain and on safari.

Come and enjoy yourselves. The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org or log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org

President Speaks

Thank you to all five club members, who graciously agreed to run for the four open council member positions for two-year terms beginning in 2012. Club elections were held at the November meeting/party. Those elected/re-elected were Lisa Hamilton, Ken Krivanek, Mark Whitham & Donna Whitham. Those who missed the party also missed the Forest Service stopping by to recognize the Whithams for over 500 hours of volunteer service with a National Lands Volunteer Pass and cool hats to wear.

With the holiday season upon us and folks traveling to visit family, the calendar currently has a snowshoe trip in search of the perfect Christmas tree and Alan Crockett will be needing some help clearing/marketing XCSki & Snowshoe trails throughout the month. Alan will be posting his excursions on Facebook as he plans them. Anyone interested in getting out should post on the Facebook page a day or so ahead in so someone else can make plans to pick up a trip with them.

Have a safe holiday, Sam Pole

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips or trips limited to club members: Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting or limited to club member trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing. Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure/trip of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure / trip / activity.

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

From the Caribou-Targhee NF home page, click on Maps & Publications. This will take you to: "Motorized Vehicle Use Maps" (which don't show non-motorized trails), new official "Forest Maps" covering the whole forest (without topography), and "Other Maps". The "Other Maps" are full color printable maps with topography and are available for the Palisades, Teton Basin, Dubois and Westside ranger districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Hiking scale (1:50,000) maps of popular areas are also available. Other detailed forest and non-forest maps of popular hiking and mountain biking areas (new) are now available on the Idaho Alpine Club website under Local Maps.

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, or the weather too severe, the location of a trip may change or the trip may be canceled at the last minute.

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.
- 11 Mat to sit on

Other personal items of interest.

December 3 Snowshoe or 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 \$10 for up to a 12 foot tree. This is a fun trip to get in the Christmas spirit, even if you don't plan to get a tree.

December 10 Snowshoe / Kelly Canyon: Explore the snowshoe trails in Kelly Canyon. Distance: 6 - 8 miles. Plan to be back to town in time for evening seasonal parties.

Check with us on weekends that are not scheduled in advance. Even on domestic weekends we usually will go over to one of the parks to skate or classic ski or snowshoe for a few hours with the dogs.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about winter weekly climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo.cgi/iac_climbing or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

IAC Logo T-Shirts ~ Retro IAC Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey, some black and some white. Dri Release material with embroidered 50th Anniversary IAC Logo! Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. A women's style short sleeve shirt is available for \$20 on a prepaid special order basis. It is fitted with shorter sleeves in a wicking material. A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each. The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

DO YOUR PART IN HELPING THE IAC LAST
ANOTHER 50 YEARS:
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T
ALREADY
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN THE CLUB
PARTICIPATE OR LEAD A TRIP

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Trip Reports:

2011 Summer Hiking: There were 9 scheduled IAC hikes for the spring-summer-fall 2011 season. Scheduled hikes were Arco Arch, Crescent Crater, Big Southern Butte, North Juniper, Iron Bog, Meadow Lake, Spring Creek, Hurricane Pass, and Bell Mountain valley. The total number of participants was 31, including several folks who made 2 or more hikes. Three hikes did not occur as scheduled. The Spring Creek hike was changed to go with a wild plant group up Big Elk Creek and the Hurricane Pass and Bell Mountain hikes were snowed out.

AVALANCHE INTERNET SITES

Cyberspace Snow & Avalanche Center This one stop site provides links to just about everywhere, plus tons of information about avalanche safety in the back-country: <http://www.csac.org/>

North America: <http://www.avalanche.org/>

Jackson Area: <http://jhalavalanche.org/>

Bozeman Area:

<http://www.mtavalanche.com/current/index.shtml>

Island Park Area: <http://islandparksnow.net/>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

<http://www.avalanchecourse.com/>

XC Ski Trail Conditions

Lone Mountain Resort

http://www.lmranch.com/lmr_content/winter/ski_cond.shtml

Bohart Ski Ranch

<http://www.bohartranchxcski.com/weather.php>

Chief Joseph Ski Trail Conditions

<http://bitterrootxcskiclub.net/trail%20reports.htm>

West Yellowstone

<http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com/report.html>

Rick's Basin (Grand Targhee)

<http://www.grandtarghee.com/winter/snowrpt.php>

Teton Valley (Driggs, Victor, Alta)

<http://www.tvtap.org/>

Harriman State Park

Phone: 208-558-7368

A web cam at Rainbow Reality gives you an idea of the snow on the ground conditions:

<http://www.rainbw.com/>

Island Park Ranger District for Brimstone/Bufalo

Phone: 208-558-7301

Ashton Ranger District for Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls and Fall River Ridge

Phone: 208-652-7442

Mink Creek Nordic Grooming Report

<http://www.pokyxc.org/7128.html>

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

Most of the Palisades and Teton Ranger District color topographic maps on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest web site have been revised to reflect trail number, trail route and trail use changes. Many of the Palisades district trails have been recently GPSed and so the maps are now considerably more accurate. There are 11 maps at a scale of 1:112,500 covering both ranger districts and 13 more detailed maps (hiking scale, 1:50,000) covering popular trails. All maps are Acrobat format and can be printed at home.

Help Save Climbing

at Massacre and Castle Rocks

Take Action On This Issue by December 16

Many of the long term club members have spent many pleasant hours climbing or learning to climb on club trips out at Massacre, even in late fall, late winter, and early spring. About 150 routes may be impacted, but some of them are superb routes that were part of those visits.

Idaho's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burley Field Office is proposing a climbing ban at Massacre Rocks, and making permanent its current climbing ban at Castle Rocks, due to fears that climbing could potentially have negative impacts on cultural resources at each location. The Access Fund (AF) has a long history of climbing advocacy in the area and is working with the Boise Climbers Alliance (BCA), the newly-formed Eastern Idaho Climbers Coalition (EICC), members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation, the local BLM, and other concerned stakeholders to find a reasonable compromise that allows climbing and protects valuable culture resources.

The AF is drafting a joint comment letter with the BCA and EICC that will provide specific suggestions to accommodate climbing and protect sensitive cultural resources. Members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation, Idaho State and County Officials, and local civic leaders are encouraging the BLM to consider an option that permits climbing. The AF is offering climbing management expertise, funding for research/monitoring, and volunteer stewardship support. Due to our efforts it the BLM may now consider a climbing alternative in this management proposal, but we need your help to make that a reality!

Use this link to take action:

<http://www.accessfund.org>

Click on ACTION CENTER

then click on Massacre Rocks

RENEWAL NOTICE

IF YOUR ADDRESS STATES NEED TO RENEW,
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP RIGHT AWAY.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN OR THE
DISCOUNTS,

ESPECIALLY THE NEW 10% DISCOUNT AT THE
YMCA CLIMBING GYM. GOTTA SHOW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP CARD TO GET IT!!!

Dates to Remember:

Dec 7: IAC GENERAL MEETING
Kilimanjaro by the Western
Breach Route!
Bring a friend to the Meeting

Dec 3: Snowshoe XC-Ski / Christmas
Tree Hunt

Dec 11: Snowshoe / Kelly Canyon

Climbing: Subscribe to find out
updates to the weekly
winter climbing plans. See
page 2 for information on
how to subscribe.

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trips can be posted on the wall.
Additionally, photos from club trips
you have gone on can be easily posted
on the wall singly or as an album if
you took a lot of photos.

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YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY**
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Come play in the snow with us!!!!

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Join today**

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download a free newsletter and
application:

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Membership Fees

	Full Year	
	10/1	7/1-12/31
Individuals:	\$25	\$20
Family:	\$30	\$25

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 on line.

**Support the Merchants who
Support the IAC**

Show your membership card for 10%
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merchandise:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679
Shoup & B (Non-Sale Items Only)
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes
bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610
755 South Capital Avenue
- ★ 3 Peaks 523-PEAK
910 E. Lincoln Rd. (Non-Sale Items
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&
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