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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. IAC Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Oct 11: TBD

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
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, normally in the Beaverhead meeting room at the Idaho Fish and Game office.

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

CLIMBING THE EAST BUTTRESS ROUTE ON MT WHITNEY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

>>>MEETING LOCATION<<<

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
4279 COMMERCE CIRCLE, IDAHO FALLS
THE BEAVERHEAD ROOM (UPSTAIRS)**

From Highway 20 and St Leon road, go south to Commerce Cir. Turn right (west) and follow around to IDF&G / IDPR building. Door is on South side of building.

Matt Leonard will show slides of his climb of the East Buttress Route on 14,505 foot Mt. Whitney at our meeting this month. Matt and his friends Patty Russell, Dave Hurley and Jason Wallaser climbed the 8-pitch route, rated 5.7 in difficulty from a basecamp at Iceberg Lake. Mt. Whitney saw its first ascent in 1873. After Mt. Whitney, Matt and his group headed up to Yosemite and climbed a 4th class route on 10,912 foot Cathedral Peak near Tuolumne Meadows. John Muir was the first person to climb this peak in 1869. Matt has summited many of the major peaks in the Tetons as well as a number of Idaho's 12,000 foot peaks. The December program will be Matt's second presentation for the club. A couple of years ago, Matt participated in a club presentation on climbing at Red Rocks Canyon near Las Vegas. Matt is also a second generation club member-his father Pat having been a club member in the 1970's while living in Idaho Falls. Come and enjoy Matt's slides of these two stunning peaks in the Sierras which has been nicknamed the "Range of Light" for its beautiful white granite.

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

President (Treasurer) Speaks

We have 3 new council members; Ken Durstine, Sheila Kappel, and Joyce Storey. Several members will remain on the council. At the December council meeting the 2012 council and the 2013 council will vote on officers for 2013.

A big thank you all the activity coordinators for the past year. Getting involved is what has made the club work for the last fifty-two 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. Talk to the coordinator if you are not sure about the difficulty of the trip. There may be options that are just as fun or your fears may be completely unfounded. Remember, it is not about how fast or far you can go, it is about enjoying the journey. If you don't like any of the trips that are listed, then call the activity coordinator and volunteer to lead a trip your self (the coordinator can tell you how). Remember that the bulletin editor will need some time to get the trip listed in the news letter so plan ahead...the deadline for the following month is the 5th of the current month. Donna Whitham

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are now due. Updated member lists will be provided to the activity coordinators in January. If you have renewed or joined the IAC since October 1, you should have a red membership card. Memberships are for one year only. They are not life memberships. Please support the club and join or renew for 2013. Membership is required to participate in activities using club gear, i.e.; climbing and rafting (water) activities or after participating in one of any other activities.

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members: non-members may attend a maximum of ONE club trip or activity, then *must be members in good standing to continue participating.*

Participants must be members in good standing to go on rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members only, or needing rafting rentals. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Winter Trail Update

Posted November 15th on Facebook Page by Alan Crockett: Snowshoe Trails Ready for Snow - All the snowshoe trails at Kelly Canyon have been walked, large material has been chainsawed out, and brush and branches have been trimmed. Trails have been remarked with red flagging and more yellow trail markers have been put up. A section of the Little Kelly trail that was on State Lands and was logged last summer. The trail has been reestablished but is currently only marked in the counter clockwise direction. I now have more markers which I will put up when we start snowshoeing. The Caldera Rim trail at the top of the Ashton hill has also been cleared although 2 large aspen still need to be cut out. So, when we get enough snow, the trails are ready. My thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the work.

December 1 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 22 Hike or Snowshoe / Cress Creek Trail: This will be a day trip just to get out for a few hours to celebrate the Winter Solstice overlooking the Snake River. This is close enough to town, that everyone will be home in time for Christmas celebrations.

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.

January 5 XCSki / Harriman State Park: Celebrate the New Year. Meet at the park to classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Harriman's day pass is \$4 per skier, plus parking fee is \$5.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. To find out about Fall weekly climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips, 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.

YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

SUMMER HOURS:

TUESDAY 4PM - 9PM & SATURDAY NOON - 9PM

WINTER HOURS

(Effective October 1):

MONDAY - FRIDAY 4PM - 9PM

SATURDAY NOON - 9PM SUNDAY CLOSED

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off of daily rates or the 10 punch card.

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo! Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. 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.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

7pm, Friday, Feb. 8, 2013

The Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol is pleased to host a local showing of the 2012 / 2013 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Our Banff show (our 16th) is set for 7pm Friday February 8, 2013 at the Colonial.

All seating for the main floor (637) and balcony (326) is RESERVED (\$15). There is no general seating or discount. The previous 4 shows were sold out two weeks in advance.

Beginning Monday November 26, 2012, all tickets are reserved and will be sold through the Colonial Theater Box office (498 A street, 522-0471). On-line ticketing with an updated seating chart is also available at <http://www.idahofallsarts.org>.

Please note that tickets will not be sold at stores or by ski patrollers.

Support the Nordic Ski Patrol. Proceeds from the benefit are used for first aid equipment, training, supplies, and maintenance of the patrol hut at Harriman State Park.

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://jhavalanche.org>

Bozeman Area: <http://www.mtavalanche.com>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

<http://americanavalancheinstitute.com/aai/Home.html>

XC Ski Trail Conditions

Lone Mountain Resort

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

Bohart Ski Ranch

<http://www.bohartranchxcski.com/trail-conditions/>

Chief Joseph Ski Trail Conditions

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

West Yellowstone

<http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com/grooming-report/>

Rick's Basin (Grand Targhee)

<http://www.grandtarghee.com/the-mountain/grooming-map.php>

Teton Valley (Driggs, Victor, Alta)

<http://tvtap.org/nordic-grooming>

Harriman State Park (sign up for their Facebook page for current conditions) or call: Phone: 208-558-7368

Mink Creek Nordic Grooming Report

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

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

Dates to Remember:

Dec 5: IAC GENERAL MEETING
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Dec 1: Snowshoe / Christmas Tree
Hunt Tie Canyon

Dec 22: Hike Snowshoe / Cress Creek
Trail

Jan 1: Snowshoe / Kelly Canyon

Jan 5: XC-Ski / Harriman State Park

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you have gone on can be easily posted
on the wall singly or as an album if
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Join today

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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.

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**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 (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
- The Preparedness Store & Bosch
Kitchen Center 120 Northgate
Mile Idaho Falls, ID 524-8300
10% off backpacking, dehydrated
& freeze-dried foods 10% off any
outdoor accessories
- YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610
755 South Capital Avenue
- Lynna and Leland Howard offer a
10% discount on all of their
published books. 357-1917 or
357-3166; lyna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's
Hiking & Biking guide books