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## 2014 Council

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## Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Nov 19: Scheerer's Home 3575 Springfield Circle

Dec 8: Braastad's Home 1610 Blue Camas Ct

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Bicycling	Ken Durstine	524-3505
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
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Bulletin Editor	Donna Whitham	520-1728
Publicity	Open	
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## General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, in the meeting location indicated in the program description.

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 **5<sup>TH</sup>** of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at [editor@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:editor@idahoalpineclub.org)

NOTE: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

## Idaho Alpine Club

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**

**"A CLASSIC SWISS HOLIDAY**

**IN THE BERNESE OBERLAND"**

**DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**555 WEST 25TH ST**

From 17<sup>th</sup> Street & Rollendet, go south to 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right (west). IDW is on the left side of street. Park in the parking lot to the east of the building. Enter via front door, then follow hallway around to the right to the meeting room.

When Tim Kaser was looking for a place to take a hiking vacation, the fact that he had roots in Switzerland was all he needed to point him in that direction. His great, great, great, great grandfather had immigrated to the U.S. from Switzerland in the 1860's. So the fall of 2010 found Tim, his brother and another friend starting up a trail in the Bernese Alps only 24 hours after having left Idaho Falls.

They were embarked on a four-day hut to hut trip around rugged 10,010 foot Grand Muveran. The group planned their itinerary themselves using the guidebook Walking in Switzerland. After their hut trip, they also did some day hiking near the scenic peak Diablerets and visited Lucerne, Grindelwald and Frutigen. Come and enjoy Tim's slides of his Swiss alpine holiday.



The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact [programs@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org), log onto the club website at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

## **President Speaks**

What a fall we have had! After drowning in August, we slid into a beautiful autumn. We've had it all - bright colors and great get-out-and-enjoy-it temperatures. From the looks of Facebook, everyone but me, has been out enjoying it. We were really spoiled when the cold/snow snap hit us. That was rude to come on all at once. Here's to a pleasant winter with lots of snow and temps above 40 below.

Welcome to our newest Board member Bill Beach, whose two year term will formally begin on January 1, 2015. Thank you Kenny for your service, which has been invaluable to the club.

Have a safe Holiday season!

Sue Braastad ~ President

## Participation on Club Activities Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, or activities 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.

Additionally, be sure to ask the trip leader if your dog is welcome on a trip. Some locations prohibit our best friend or require they be leashed.

The following list of items is a general list that applies to many activities. If you are not sure if there is a specific item that is needed on a trip, be sure to ask the trip leader when signing up for the trip:

### All Trips Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra appropriate protective clothing - no cotton. Hat and gloves or mittens.
4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, bug repellent, personal medications, as needed during the day.
5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
6. Map & Compass
7. Sunglasses
8. Lightweight shelter/space blanket.
9. Appropriate equipment- depending on activity or terrain.
10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
11. Mat to sit on
12. Other personal items of interest (Bear Spray comes to mind)

### XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahopalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahopalpineclub.org) 24 hours prior to a trip, for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Inclement weather, exposure, traveling on snow can change an "easy" trip to a "difficult" trip in a matter of minutes. These trips are not

guided. These are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip has a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. Participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations. The IAC does not have Snowshoeing or XC-Ski gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring the appropriate gear (and be knowledgeable and experienced in its use). Trip lengths are usually indicated for an approximate round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to Snowshoeing, XC-Skiing, or new to the area. Watch the FaceBook page for early season trips, 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.

**December 6 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.

**January 1 Hike or Snowshoe / Cress Creek Trail:** Join us in welcoming in the new year with a snowshoe trip to celebrate the new year and an optional soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. The trail is near the Kelly Canyon Ski Resort about 30 - 45 minutes NE of town. Approximately 3 miles.

### Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 7pm, Thursday Feb 5, 2014 and Friday Feb 6, 2015

The Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol is pleased to host two nights of the 2014 / 2015 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Our Banff shows are set for 7pm on Thursday February 5, 2014 and Friday February 6, 2015 at the Colonial Theater. Tickets will go on sale Monday December 1, 2014.

All tickets are reserved (\$15 per show) through the Colonial Theater Box office (498 A street, 522-0471). On-line ticketing with an updated seating chart is available at <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/>.

The Idaho Falls show will feature over 2 ½ hours of films with extreme skiing, climbing, water sports, exotic cultures and high adventures. The program content is family oriented. There is a drawing for door prizes. The gallery will host displays from local organizations.

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://jhalavalanche.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](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

## Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. To find out about 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](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](mailto:iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com).

### YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

SUMMER HOURS (June 1-September 30):

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 daily rates or 10 punch card.

## Trip Reports



October 25 Highway Cleanup was a beautiful day in Pine creek canyon. Those who started out wearing jackets, quickly shed them in the warm sunlight. Five bags of trash were collected on our two mile stretch of Hwy 31.

Afterwards we all stopped at the square ice cream store for chili and or ice cream. Twelve club members participated in the event: Sue Braastad, Rick Williamson, Susan McKinley, Sheila Kappel, Garney Hardy, Alan Maskell, Colleen & Karl Bohan, Mark & Donna Whitham, and we were super happy to welcome Marie & Bob Tyler back home in Idaho.



## 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.

We now have 3.5" X 2.45" vinyl IAC stickers available. Renewing members will receive 1 per single or 2 per family upon renewal. Additional stickers will be 50 cents each.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is time to start renewing memberships. Over the last 5+ years club membership numbers have been fairly consistent (Approximately 100 single/family memberships). This is a good record but the council has noted that there are some folks who participate in club activities, yet have not become members or renewed their memberships. Memberships are for one year only. They are not life memberships. So, if you intend to continue participating in club activities, please join or rejoin for 2015. Membership is required to participate in the climbing and rafting (or water) activities or after participating in one of any other activities.

Dates to Remember:

Dec 3: IAC MEETING: "A CLASSIC SWISS HOLIDAY IN THE BERNESE OBERLAND"

Nov 25-29: Yellowstone Ski Fest Thanksgiving Weekend

Dec 6: Snowshoe Day trip/Annual Christmas Tree Hunt

Jan 1: Hike Snowshoe / Cress Creek Trail

Feb 5 & 6: Banff Mountain Film Festival

Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly winter climbing plans. See page 3 for information on how to subscribe.

**Become a Fan**

Find us on Facebook. Last minute 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.

**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	Part Year 7/1 - 9/30
Individuals:	\$25	\$20
Families:	\$30	\$25

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Otherwise the normal Membership year is January 1-December 1.

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 Snake River Crossing (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 their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; [Lynna.howard@mac.com](mailto:Lynna.howard@mac.com) [leland@wildernessbooks.com](mailto:leland@wildernessbooks.com)
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books