

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

Volume 42 - Issue Number 2 - January 2002

P.O. Box 2885, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2885

**web site:** [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

**e-mail:** [info@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:info@idahoalpineclub.org)

---

## 2002 Executive Council

President  
Tim Adkison 542-0786  
Vice-president  
Michelle Fox 525-3238  
Secretary  
Jeff Coward 522-8135  
Treasurer  
Bob Kroupa 524-6273  
Members-at-Large  
Betsy Adkison 542-0786  
Kevin Coble 529-8142  
Gary Vecellio 233-0477  
Leon Wolfram 523-0067  
Bulletin Editor  
Rene Miller 542-5126  
Bulletin Assistant  
Barbara Brown 522-8977

Publicity & Community Liaison  
Donna Whitham 524-6119

Historian/Librarian  
Barbara Brown 522-8977

Please mail completed common  
adventure forms to the secretary.

## Coordinators

Program  
Donna Whitham 524-6119  
Backpacking  
George Cole 522-4084  
Mark Whitham 524-6119  
Caving  
Dean Killian 357-7354  
Climbing/mountaineering  
Eric Peterson 529-9538  
Kurt Myers 522-5279  
Conservation  
Bob Tyler 523-5560  
X-Country Skiing  
Mark/Donna Whitham 524-6119  
Bicycling  
Don Cott 357-7595  
Jeff Coward 522-8135  
Kayaking  
Rob Mullin 524-3594  
Canoeing  
John Page 356-6486  
Sue Page 356-5118  
Rafting  
Greg Hulet 523-6199  
Trail Maintenance  
Open  
Day Hiking  
Mark/Donna Whitham 524-6119

## General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 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.

## Membership Fees

	Full Year	July 1 - October 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.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Any interested member is invited to attend.

Materials for the bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send material to the bulletin editor at [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Up Coming Programs:

March: Winter Wildlands Alliance  
April: Is Your Bike Ready for Summer?

---

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

**Wednesday, February 6, 2002 @ 8 PM**  
**Idaho Falls Public Library - Large Meeting Room**

The Idaho Alpine Club will be presenting a program on it's winter activities and winter safety. Sign-up sheets for pending XC Ski and Snowshoe trips will be available. The Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol will also be showing a preview video of the mountain films and videos that will be shown at the 26th Banff Mountain Film Festival on February 7, 2002 in Idaho Falls. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

## President Speaks

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their memberships in the IAC for 2002, and to the new members we extend a hearty welcome.

The snow is still flying and there are several great outings planned this month. Cross-country skiing at Harriman park, winter camping in Teton Canyon, and of course, the Banff Mountain Film Festival featuring a film made by two youths from Idaho Falls. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us.

If playing in the snow isn't your bag, it's not too early to start getting in shape for some warm weather activities such as biking and hiking. Several biking trips are already planned and more are sure to follow.

As a reminder the Trail Maintenance coordinator position is still open. If you have a desire to fill this need please contact myself or one of the other council members.

Happy Trails,  
Tim

## XC Ski / Snowshoe Trips

### February 16 - 17 - Teton Canyon Overnight

East of Idaho Falls, near Driggs. Ten miles round trip moderate trail. Camp overnight at Teton Canyon campground, set-up camp, and do transceiver practice. Depending on snow stability conditions, we will ski into the Jeddiah Smith Wilderness Area before skiing back to the cars on Sunday. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### February 23 - Ponds to Harriman

Northeast of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Rolling intermediate terrain. Trail is rated as advanced due to the 12+ miles. A shuttle will be needed so those that would rather ski at Harriman could drop the rest of the skiers off at Ponds and drive the cars back to Harriman. End of the day beverages and snacks. Ski Club members will need to provide their ski club member number. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### March 16 -17 - Huckleberry Hotsprings

East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on an additional mile to Polecat Hotsprings to camp and soak there. This is also great snowshoeing terrain. This is the annual celebration of Mark's birthday too. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### March 30 - Meadow Lake

Located 110 miles north of Idaho Falls in the Lemhi Mountains. 5.5 miles of moderate difficulty with a 2000 foot elevation gain to Meadow Lake Campground. This trip is not recommended for beginners. Snowshoers are welcome. Leashed dogs are welcome. We meet in Idaho Falls to car pool to the trail head at the old town site of Gilmore. End of the day beverages and snacks. Ski Club members will need to provide their ski club member number. Bring towels and tevas in case it is necessary to ski the hot springs at Goldbug instead. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

## Ski Club Warming Hut

The hut is open for the season and available for both day and overnight use. For overnight use of the hut, contact Glen Hayes by phone at 523-6839 by e-mail at [hayesbg@ida.net](mailto:hayesbg@ida.net).

## Avalanche Forecast Sites and Numbers:

Bridger Teton National Forest Teton Area:

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

307-733-2664

Sawtooth National Forest:

<http://www.avalanche.org/~svavctr/cgi/bulletin.pl>

208-622-8027

Gallatin National Forest:

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

406-587-6984

The Cyberspace Avalanche Center:

<http://www.csac.org/>"<http://www.csac.org/>

**An Important Notice:** Cell phones that are turned on can impair the function of avalanche transceivers. It is important that all cell phones are turned off if you are wearing an avalanche beacon. This may apply to talkabout radios as well.

### Questions to ask yourself before heading out into the backcountry:

- 1) Do you have an avalanche beacon?
- 2) Are your beacon batteries new?
- 3) Do you have a shovel and a probe?
- 4) Do you have at least one partner ?
- 5) Is your partner properly equipped?
- 6) Has everyone practiced with their beacon recently?
- 7) Have you read or listened to the current avalanche advisory, if one is available?
- 8) Do you know the weather forecast?
- 9) Do you have local knowledge, or have you sought local information?

**Informal Tuesday XCSki e-group:** Informal non-club trips to cross country ski at different locations on Tuesdays are planned by e-mail. Level of skiing and skiing speed varies widely, mostly towards the slower end. E-mail Barbara at [barbara@srv.net](mailto:barbara@srv.net) if interested in being on the email list.

## Kelly Canyon Update

The following trails were groomed on January 30th by Norm Kramer and Bob Schindler ;

To the hut

To Morgan Summit

Hawley Gulch Overlook

Hidden Vista

Top half of Tyro Loop

We really did Hawley Gulch Overlook! Last summer we modified the trail so that it goes past an impressive overlook of Hawley Gulch and until today we could not get the groomer there because the branches on a big pine tree hung too low so today we trimmed the branches. Enjoy the view.

## South Fork Report Ski Trip Report

Sunday, January 27th, 2002

Despite wind, wet snowy conditions, and slick roads, the ski and brunch had a great turnout with 20 adults and 1 child. Everyone skied until 11 or so, then took a 2 hour break to dry out and partake of the South Fork's wonderful brunch. After thoroughly stuffing ourselves, we offset the calorie intake by skiing the scenic trails along the Snake River. Two bald eagles were spotted as they swooped overhead and many heron nests were spotted in the cottonwoods lining the river. Because of the wind and wet snow the trails were not in the best shape for skate skiing or classic skiing (wax or waxless) and made for a much harder workout. The peaceful scenery, great companionship, and excellent food more than made up for the conditions and made the trip a lot of fun. - Donna Whitham

### April 13 - CPR Class / American Heart

**Association 2 Year Certification:** Class size is limited so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for this valuable course that could save a loved ones life. Coordinators and potential trip leaders are strongly encouraged to take the course. Cost is \$20

in advance and includes the latest AHA CPR class book and certification card. Contact Mark or Donna for more information and to sign up [hiking@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:hiking@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119

## Bike Trips ~ 2002

### April 7 - Bike Trip in Yellowstone Park

The roads will be closed to motorized traffic for two weeks after park has plowed them. Idaho Mt. Trading will be running this trip so contact Mike at IMT for details 523.6679. Mike also plans to give us another short presentation of preparing your bike for the season at our April meeting.

### April 27 - 28 - Bike Trip and Overnight Camp Out in Teton Park

This is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. Every year the weather has been different for this breathtaking 32 mile round trip to the dam from the Bradley and Taggart Lake trail head parking lot. Afterwards, we plan to haul their camping gear in to stay overnight in the park. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

## 26th Banff

### Mountain Film Festival

Feb 7, 2002, ~ 7pm at the Idaho Falls Arts Center Colonial Theater.

The Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol is especially Proud to Sponsor the Banff film festival this year for two great reasons.

Two local High School youths, Conor Colwell and Ryan Johnson, will introduce their film "Melancholy Summer" as part of the festival. We are happy to have been able to receive special permission from Banff to show this film. Please come and help us show community pride and give these two youngsters a much deserved round of applause.

The second reason to come support the ski patrol is the great selection of films we have to present. I really think that we have something for everyone this year, from culture films to base-jumping to extreme skiing. You can view the list below.

#### **Melancholy Summer (USA premiere, 5 minutes)**

Produced by Conor Colwell and Ryan Johnson from Idaho Falls, ID. The journey of a watermelon through various outdoor environments to a place of higher existence.

#### **Unizaba (Canada, 10 minutes)**

Unizaba follows mountain unicycle guru, Kris Holm, on an adventure in Mexico that culminates in a unicycle descent down North America's third highest mountain, El Pico de Orizaba.

#### **Timeless (Switzerland, 13 minutes)**

Filmed in the Lyngen Mountains of Norway and the Swiss Alps, Timeless features Dominique Perret, voted Best Freeride Skier of the Century at the 2000 Board Awards in Paris.

#### **Base Heads (USA, 5 minutes)**

Shane McConkey and friends go for massive air on Baffin Island.

#### **Berserk in the Antarctic (Denmark, 52 minutes)**

This is the incredible story of three young men who risk their lives on board a small sailboat, the Berserk. Their destination is Antarctica. Peoples choice

#### **Will Gadd - This is your life (USA, 4 minutes)**

A quick, humorous glance at world-class, multi-talented athlete and adventurer, Will Gadd. Best Short film

**1140 (USA, 9 minutes)**

Join the residents as they snowboard and ski the snowiest place on earth.

**Mustang (Slovakia, 28 minutes)**

Two friends travel along an ancient trade route in Nepal over the main ridge of the Himalayas to reach Lo Manthang, the capital of Mustang.

**Desert Friction (South Africa, 26 minutes)**

South Africa's current sport-climbing champion is assisted by a fellow leading climber in an attempt to reach the summit of Spitzkop via the route called INXS ? a 500-metre-high granite slab set in the desolate landscape of the Namibian desert.

**Kjerag (USA, 3 minutes)**

This musical visual features Dave Barlia snowboarding off Kjerag, a 3000-foot cliff in the Lysefjord, in Norway.

**Club Member Benefits**

**10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:**

- Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- Timberline Outfitters - A Street, Idaho Falls  
552-3853 [www.timberlineoutfitter.com](http://www.timberlineoutfitter.com)
- K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279  
or 877-369-7407 [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply - 450 S Yellowstone  
Idaho Falls - 522-3932
- Free Heel and Wheel, 40 Yellowstone Ave. West  
Yellowstone, Montana, 406-646-7744.

**All Topo Maps on CD-ROM** - now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

**Alpine Club Rental Gear:** Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole  
Climbing helmets-- Kurt Myers  
Ice axes-- Kurt Myers  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
Clinometer & compass for cave mapping --Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet

**Newsletter Advertising**

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25  
12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240  
Full-page ad - \$40  
12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

**Stone Walls Rock Gym**

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-9:00p.m. Mon-Fri  
1:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturdays  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays.  
The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members. *[Note: these hours may be out of date-- please call to check.]*

**IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$12 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 Mark or Donna at 524.6119 to get yours sooner.

### **IAC Website**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) lately?

Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site:

\* An IAC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD where you can post information, announcements, ask questions, make comments, whatever you'd like. It's like our own club newsgroup!

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even submit your own favorite links and they'll automatically be added to the list.

\* Looking for specific information on the site? - use the IAC SITE SEARCH feature to locate pages of specific interest