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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.

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

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

February Council Meeting: Gary Vecellio's
2930 Simon

March Council Meeting:
TBD

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

March Deadline is Midnight February 15

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL 2003/2004 WORLD TOUR

Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Colonial Theater 450 A Street in Idaho Falls (522-0471)

Tickets Are \$10 Advance - \$12 Day of Show

General Seating Begins at 6:30pm

Idaho Alpine Club Meeting Will Not be Held in February

Don't forget that the February general meeting has been cancelled so members can go to the Banff Film Festival that night and support the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol, not to mention see some great films, and maybe win a door prize.

Tickets are available for \$10 each from the usual outlets (Colonial Theatre, Idaho Mountain Trading, Clarke Kido, Alan Crockett) or for \$12 each at the door. A list of the films that will be shown is on the last page of this bulletin.

The next Idaho Alpine Club general meeting will be held on March 3, 2004, 7:30 PM, at the Idaho Falls Library.

President Speaks

Hi Everyone:

I want to thank Michelle for organizing our membership party, and all of you who attended and brought munchies. If you weren't there or haven't renewed your membership for this year, you can send a form and check to our treasurer, Barbara Brown.

The IAC got a great plug from Jerry Painter in the January 16 Let's Go section of the Post Register. If you didn't see it, check it out.

Check the bulletin for upcoming events, especially trips in February. Since we won't have a meeting for signups, if you want to go on a trip, contact the trip leader so he/she knows who's coming. Our regular schedule of general meetings on the first Wednesday of the month will start in March.

Meanwhile, don't forget the Banff Film Festival, enjoy the winter activities and drive carefully.

Garney

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01/20/2004

Invitees: (Attendees are underlined.) Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Michelle Benson, Jeff Coward, Bob Kroupa, Barbara Brown, George Cole, Gary Vecillio, Garney Hardy

Note Taker: Jeff Coward

- 1) Meeting call to order: 7:40 pm
- 2) Reading of previous month meeting minutes: approved
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
Income: \$776.00
Expenses: \$274.15
Members to Date: 50
- 4) Old Business:
IAC club window stickers (*Jeff*)
Stickers on order.

Preparation of old bulletins for CD scanning (*Barbara/Jeff*)

List of missing bulletins has been significantly reduced, but a few are still needed.

American Alpine Club contacted - they have our back issues on file.

Anyone who has copies of 1975 or earlier issues is encouraged to contact Barb or any council member.

First batch given to Jeff for scanning.

Request for funds from the rafting coordinator (*Greg Hulet*)

The rafting coordinator has made a decision on equipment. He will purchase it and submit expenses for reimbursement.

5) New Business:

Trail Maintenance projects

Dave Whitlock from the Caribou/Targhee National Forest is preparing proposals for grants to obtain funds for two trail maintenance projects. The first one is on the Hunt's Corral trail near Rainey Creek in the Swan Valley area for 2004. The second one is on the Chicken Springs trail above Lower Palisades Lake for 2005. In order to get the grants approved he needs to obtain support in one form or another to provide matching funds or their equivalent. He asked the council if the Idaho Alpine Club would be willing to provide volunteer labor for these maintenance projects. The dollar equivalent amounts he was looking for were \$800 for the Hunt's Corral project and \$750 for the Chicken Springs project. The calculation rate is \$10 per hour per person, so 80 man hours and 75 man hours are needed respectively for the two projects. This works out to a weekend's work for six to eight (or more) volunteers. The Forest Service will provide the tools, mules to transport gear and materials, and supervision. After discussion, it was decided that there was enough support from club and council members for these projects to allow letters of commitment to be given to Dave for inclusion in his grant proposals. Should the grants be approved, trail maintenance projects will be scheduled for work on these trails. Any members interested in assisting with the trail work can contact a council member for more information on how the grants are progressing and/or when the maintenance trips might be scheduled. If the grants are approved and the maintenance trips scheduled, the information will appear in the Bulletin.

March General Meeting snacks: to be decided at February council meeting.

February council meeting at: 02/17/2004, 7:30pm at Gary Vecillio's - 2930 Simon

March council meeting at: 03/16/2004, 7: 30pm, location to be decided at February council meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm

Upcoming Programs

February: No general IAC meeting this month so members can go to the Banff Mountain Film Festival and support the Nordic Ski Patrol.

March: IAC general meeting to start at 7:30 due to change in library closing time. Big mountain climbing slide show.

IAC Bulletin Archiving Project

WANTED missing newsletters: As part of the historical preservation of Alpine Club documents we solicit help. "Club Historian" Barb Brown is trying to track missing issues of the Alpine Club Bulletin from the 1960s and 1970s.

If anyone has actually stashed bulletins from those years or any other publications including membership lists, please e-mail Barb at barbara@srv.net or call 522-8977. We'll also be trying to round up electronic copies to help with the archiving project.

Following are the missing issues from the early years (referenced are the president and newsletter editor from the year):

September 1964 (Dean Millsap; Barb Brown)
June 1967 (Boyd Norton; (Nadine Allen-Gale)
June 1974 (Cyril Slanksy; Barb Brown)
April 1975 (Larry Taylor; Barb Brown)
October 1976 (Joe Gasidlo; Mark Hoza)
January 1978 (Mark Hoza; Steve Letson)
July 1979 (Mark Hoza; Cathy Chisholm)
August 1979 (Mark Hoza; Cathy Chisholm)

Cross Country Ski / Snowshoe Schedule For 2003 ~ 2004

February 21 - Harriman to Ponds

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 Ponds or Harriman could drop off the rest of the skiers and shuttle the vehicles. We will be skiing this in reverse to avoid the afternoon winds across the meadows. Park 'N' Ski Permits will be required at either end and are available at Ponds or Harriman. End of the day potluck tailgate party. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 520.1728.

February 14 - Pocatello Area X-C

We are planning to x-c ski either at Mink Creek or at the Pocatello City X-C area, depending on conditions, and then go to Lava Hot Springs for a soak. Mink Creek is a Park and Ski area, the Pocatello City area charges \$5 to ski. If you plan to go on to Lava bring a bathing suit and towel. We will meet at the Broadway McDonald's (Broadway and Saturn) at 9am. Contact Garney at 522-6128, president@idahoalpineclub.org if you want to go,

February 28 - 29 - Winter Wolf Watching Trip

We will meet Saturday morning, February 28, 2004 at the Albright visitor's center in Mammoth Hot Spring, Yellowstone National Park. We will travel from there to the Lamar Valley area of northeastern Yellowstone National Park to watch for, and observe the behaviors of wolves and other wildlife species that reside in the Park during the winter. The past several years have been relatively mild as far as temperatures but be prepared. A spotting scope and binoculars will enhance your experience and Tim has some that he can loan if you do not have your own. Lodging can be found out of the north gate of Yellowstone in Gardiner, Montana, and reservations for such will be on your own. An entrance fee to Yellowstone Park is also required. Contact Tim Adkison for further details and a more specific itinerary at 542-0786.

March 12 - 14 - Yellowstone Rendezvous Marathon Race

Test what a winter of XC-Skiing has done for your fitness level by joining us at the races. Freestyle or Classic 50k, 25k, or 10k XC-ski races can be entered by accessing the website at www.rendezvouskitraik.com

Entry fees are \$50 until January 1, 2003, then increase monthly the longer you wait to make up your mind. You get a great t-shirt just for entering and there are 3 yummy food stations along the race course. For an additional \$15 you can attend the awards banquet (more yummy food and drawings for great prizes), in the evening after the race. If you don't want to race you can still just go up, cheer the racers on, ski on the course after the races have started, and attend the banquet for \$15. We plan to go stay in West Yellowstone on Friday and Saturday night (everyone will have to make their own lodging arrangements). Contact Mark or Donna for more information and where we will be staying at xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 520.1728.

March 20 - 21 - Huckleberry Hotsprings XC-Ski / Snowshoe Winter Backpack

East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski or snowshoe in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on the additional mile to Polecat Hotsprings to camp and soak there. This is great snowshoeing terrain. This is also the annual celebration of Mark's birthday. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 520.1728.

March 13-21 - Valley of Death, Yellowstone NP Snowshoe Winter Backpack

This moderately strenuous winter backpack snowshoe trip to a seldom visited, trail-less area, will be a hot springer's paradise, as our base camp will be located near a 100 degree large creek, that slowly gets warmer upstream (according to a reliable source).

We'll take 2 days to snowshoe the 8 miles (cross-country) to our base camp. From there, we'll do day hikes into 3 other nearby drainages to explore other thermal areas and waterfalls. We'll bring the 8-man tipi for warmth and camaraderie.

The approximate per person cost for gas, snowmobile shuttles, 1 night lodging, and satellite phone rental is \$125. As always, you must bring something special to share with the group. Limit 12. For more details or to sign up, contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 (Boise) or madallen@ev1.net.

Harriman State Park and Kelly Canyon Notes:

Harriman is now reporting that it has over four (yes 4) feet of snow in the park as of 1.23.2004.

Remember when snowshoeing at Harriman or Kelly Canyon or anywhere that cross country ski tracks are machine set, it is really bad etiquette to trample those machine set tracks that a volunteer took the time to set while the rest of us were still asleep in our nice warm beds. Stay to either side of the tracks or follow the snowshoe trails marked with round yellow and black signs or yellow flagging tape in Kelly Canyon.

Additionally, when skiing or snowshoeing with your pet, be a responsible dog owner and remove the brown klister from the trail. It is pretty yucky to have to clean off of ones gear, let alone the thought of a face plant in it.

Secondly, leash your pet. Not everyone is thrilled to have a strange dog run up on them, even other pet owners with their pets along for a fun day, may get aggravated if your pet comes bounding up out of nowhere.

Eastern Idaho Cross-Country Ski Guides and Maps

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.

PARK 'N' SKI INFORMATION

To buy or for more information about the Park 'N' Ski Permits: Pick up a guide at one of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Island Park.

Two of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls are:

Idaho Mountain Trading 474 Shoup Ave 523.6679

E. Idaho Visitor Info 505 Lindsay Blvd 523.1012

Of Note: Harriman State Park is no longer part of the Park and Ski Program as of this year and require either daily permits or annual passes much like the Rendezvous Ski trails in West Yellowstone.

Still Time to Apply Grant Applications

Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Seeks Project Proposals Until February 27, 2004

The Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting project proposals for natural resource improvements on National Forest lands. Project funds have been made available under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. A citizen's panel (RAC) is accepting applications from any interested person or organization with a proposal to improve National Forest lands. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 27, 2004.

Project proposals must be submitted on the Eastern Idaho RAC Project Proposal Form. The form and (Grants cont.) directions for completion are available at any Caribou-Targhee National Forest Office or on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee>. For more information or for assistance in completing the proposal form, contact Lynn Ballard or Joanna Bennett, by phone at (208) 524-7500 or by email at lballard@fs.fed.us or jjbennett@fs.fed.us.

USDA Forest Service

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

1405 Hollipark Drive

Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

REMEMBER TO RENEW:

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR IAC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2004

DON'T LOSE OUT ON ALL THE FUN BY
FORGETTING TO RENEW. MAIL YOUR
RENEWAL IN TODAY AND BEAT THE
RUSH.

Web Site News

If you haven't noticed, the IAC web site (www.IdahoAlpineClub.org) has recently been redesigned. For your convenience, the most recent club bulletins are included as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms in PDF format.
- Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators
- Read the club By-Laws
- Search the club classified ads or post you own ad
- View pictures from recent club activities
- Find out what the 10 E's are anyway?
- Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
- Find links to other cool outdoor websites
- Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org

George Cole - IAC Webmaster

Club Member Benefits

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

Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B

Idaho Falls - 523-6679

K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279

or 877-369-7407 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.

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Alpine Club Rental 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, Clinometer & compass for cave mapping--Dean K.

Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet

Stone Walls Rock Gym - 528.8610

Winter Hours are 12 p.m.-9p.m. Monday-Thursday
12-10p.m. Friday and Saturday 12- 5 Sundays.

The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members.

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.

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 Michelle Benson to get yours sooner.

Notes Of Interest...

The Avalanche Center for Avalanche updates & links anywhere in the world: www.csac.org

for the Tetons <http://jhavalanche.org/index.html>

Be Aware...Be Prepared!!!

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL 2003/2004 WORLD TOUR:

ROCKSTARS!....."(Switzerland, 2003, 12 minutes) "The Swiss Alps provide the backdrop for variety of wild stunts and escapades on and off the bike. mt bike

Unlimited Winter....."(Canada, 2003, 5 minutes) "Mixing traditional and modern cross-country skiing, "Unlimited Winter" provides a dynamic and unusual look this sport. Featuring Olympic medallist Beckie Scott. Olympic

nordic ski

Janica Kostelic....."(USA, 2003, 23 minutes) "The civil war of 1991 in Yugoslavia left the Kostelic family jobless and penniless "but with their mutual love for skiing intact. Ante Kostelic "a self-taught coach "would drive his two children "Janica and Ivica "to the Austrian Alps to train. Living out of their car "they often skied on closed or backcountry slopes "and slept outside at night. They arrived in Salt Lake City with no expectations of what would happen when they took on the titans of Olympic alpine skiing. Olympic alpine ski

Falling....."(USA, 2003, 6 minutes) "This short film about waterfall kayaking beautifully captures the awe and exhilaration that kayakers experience when they are able to find harmony in a very special place. Kayak

Shane McConkey....."(USA, 2002, 10 minutes) "Shane McConkey takes his usual antics on snow - and off - to the next level. alpine ski

Parahawking....."(UK, 2003, 34 minutes) "Nestled in the heart of Nepal's foothills and set against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayas, the city of Pokhara has played host to the evolution of a remarkable story. Adam Hill and Rajesh Bomjan, owners of Sunrise Paragliding, meet Scott Mason, a falconer from England, and in a charming twist of fate their passions become entwined. Together they train birds of prey to fly with paragliders. Paraglider, falconer

Biscuit"(USA, 2003, 3 minutes) "With encouragement from owner Tom, Biscuit - a small dog with an appetite for big climbs - makes her way up difficult and committing rock faces. Rock climbing dog

Wehyakin * Custom World Tour Version....."(USA, 2003, 21 minutes) "Witness a crew of international paddlers explore wild whitewater in Iceland, Mexico, and Norway. Kayak

High Life"(USA, 2003, 20 minutes) "Features progressive big mountain skiing from Sage Catabriga-Alosa, over the head powder in Utah, ski mountaineering huge couloirs in the Dolomites, and Victoria Jealousie boarding spectacular lines in Northern BC. alpine ski, snowboard

French Fries to go"(USA, 2003, 15 minutes) "This is a story about a young man, his truck and a bunch of used vegetable oil. This funny and inspiring piece follows "the Granola Ayatollah of Canola" as he makes his rounds educating and inspiring folks in his veggie-powered rig. Cameo appearances feature Daryl Hannah, Dennis Weaver and health guru Doctor Andrew Weil. Woodstock musicians make this soundtrack inventive by fusing "Eco-Rap", electric sitar, stand-up bass and bluegrass. veggie oil powered vehicle

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SEE YOU THERE!