

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 2010 Council

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## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 PM until further notice

Upcoming Council Meetings:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| February: Pole's Home  | 1710 Del Mar Dr. |
| March: McKinley's Home | 425 Pevero Dr.   |

## 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 |
| Trail Maintenance                  | Alan Crockett | 529-5188 |
| Bulletin Editor                    | Donna Whitham | 520-1728 |
| Bulletin Assistant                 | Mark Whitham  | 520-7232 |
| Publicity                          | Open          |          |
| Historian/Librarian                | Barbara Brown | 522-8977 |
| WebMaster                          | George Cole   | 716-0024 |
| Program                            | Bob Tyler     | 787-2601 |

## 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.

## MARCH Bulletin Deadline is:

### **5 PM on FEBRUARY 10**

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th 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 GENERAL MEETING

### "CAVES AND CAVING IN TEXAS, NEW MEXICO AND MEXICO"

NOTE THE NEW MEETING TIME DUE TO LIBRARY POLICY:

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010 @ 7:00 PM**

**IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY**

Sam Pole, new IAC president and hiking coordinator, will share caving experiences and discuss caving in general. There may also be a story or two. In the crazy days of youth, Sam went caving (spelunking) in Texas, New Mexico and Mexico with a small group from Waco and Austin, Texas. In the late 60's through the 70's caving evolved from an amateur adventure sport into a serious scientific based interest world-wide.

Like Sam, many cavers were recruited from local universities. Initially their interest was adventure but, over time, more and more serious researchers came into the sport. Today scientific teams world-wide search for caves of all sizes; map them; study their hydrology; and search for new species unique to cave environments.

Caves are found primarily in limestone rock formations, so knowledge of the geology of an area is essential to searching for and finding caves. Caves are found in all sizes from small shelter-like holes to immense underground systems that may go on for miles and descend thousands of feet below their entrances. Caves are most frequently passage-like through which one may crawl or walk, but others may be straight pits accessed only by ropes. Come and enjoy Sam's slides of his caving experiences.

To learn more, come to the meeting and check it out.

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), or contact Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

## President Speaks

Fifty years is a remarkable length of time for most organizations. This is especially true for membership organizations that are made up of volunteer officers and a multitude of member interests. But that is exactly what the Idaho Alpine Club has accomplished. It is 50-years old in 2010. We the members should be both amazed and proud just as I am honored to be club president for this remarkable year. So, as 2010 progresses, let's make a commitment to participate in the myriad of outdoor interests our club organizes – including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, hiking, rafting, and rock-climbing. Other activities are also available depending on member requests, so make your requests. Call the activity coordinators to arrange/schedule a trip or volunteer to coordinate and lead a trip yourself. Make 2010 not the end of 50-years, but the beginning of 50 more years.

Sam Pole

**Participation on Club Activities Common Adventure / Trips:** With the exception of rafting, 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 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.

### **XCSkiing / Snowshoeing**

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) for trip information, meeting location and time, 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. Hat and gloves or mittens. Do NOT show up in cotton clothing to XC-ski or Snowshoe. Wear wool or synthetics with the final layer being a wind and or a waterproof barrier. Bring adequate extra Winter appropriate protective clothing-no cotton.
  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.

**February 6 XCSki: Darby Canyon** - Ski the road up Darby Canyon toward the summer trailhead. This is a flat easy ski suitable for families. The road is skier-groomed and sometimes shared with snowmobiles. Distance will depend upon the interest of the group but it's easy to peel off from the group and turn around whenever you want. For trip information, meeting location and time, and to sign up to go call Bob Tyler: 787-2601.

**February 20 XCSki Harriman State Park to Ponds Lodge:** Celebrate 50 years of the IAC XC Skiing from Harriman State Park to Ponds Lodge. This 12-plus mile

intermediate trail starts at Harriman Park and ends at Pond's Lodge. Car shuttles will need to be arranged. Those who would rather have an easier day at the Pond's Lodge could drop the rest of us off at Harriman Park and drive the cars to Pond's Lodge. Effective January 1, 2010, Harriman's Day pass is \$4 per skier, plus parking fee is \$5.

**Idaho Falls XC-Ski Locations** – (according to the Post Register) Given enough snow, two parks in Idaho Falls are groomed for cross-county skiing. Freeman Park and Tautphaus Park are open to skiers daily. Some of the other parks in town occasionally are groomed, but usually will have skier set tracks.

Additionally, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Sand Creek Golf Course will be open for XC-skiing for a \$1 fee.

If you want to snowshoe in any of the parks, stay off the groomed tracks.

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 with the dogs.

**Park N' Ski Areas** The US Forest Service Ashton/Island Park District plans to continue grooming all the ski trails at Buffalo/Brimstone, Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls and Fall River Ridge on a weekly basis depending on snow conditions. Parking at Park N' Ski areas requires a \$25 permit that is available from several locations including Forest Service offices, the IF Chamber of Commerce and Idaho Mountain Trading Company. Please note that Harriman State Park is not a Park N' Ski permit area and requires separate parking and grooming fees (see Harriman).

Harriman State Park – Please note that Harriman is a Premium Nordic area and special fees apply. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Board approved Nordic Ski fee increases for Harriman and Ponderosa State Parks. Beginning on January 1st, 2010, fees for winter use at both parks will be \$5.00 per car and \$4.00 per skier. Annual passes are available for both fees and provide considerable savings to skiers who frequent these parks. These winter access fees are used to cover the rising cost of grooming and snow removal.

For the first time, with the cooperation of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Harriman State Park will offer a "Dog Friendly" ski trail, leaving the Harriman parking area and traveling approximately 3 miles on national forest lands. While on Harriman State Park, dogs will require a leash and must be directed to the new trail on forest lands, across Green Canyon Road. Harriman State Park fees also apply to this trail. Be sure to be responsible canine citizen owners by keeping control of your dog so it doesn't run up and jump on small children or entangle those who keep their dog on a leash. Also pick up the brown klisters that no one else really wants to scrape off the bottoms of their skis.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL INDICATES "LAST ISSUE" PLEASE RENEW AS THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE.**

## **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://jhalanche.org/>

**Bozeman Area:**

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

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

**Avalanche Safety Instruction:**

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

### **E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps**

Five hiking trail maps covering trails in the Teton Ranger District are now on the Alpine Club web site. Four of the trails are in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness (Bitch Creek area, Leigh Creek area, Alaska Basin and Table Mtn, Moose Creek & Taylor Mtn) and the 5th covers the Pine Creek area. Also there is a map of the Ashton Tetonia trail which is scheduled to become a State Park in the spring although can be ridden now. It will be a summer season non-motorized trail on the old rail bed, 30 miles long with one detour. Snowmobiling is allowed on the trail which has been funded in part by the Idaho Parks and Recreation Off Road Motor Fund. All the bridges will be completed by December, and the Tetonia trailhead is complete. Next spring the bed will be improved in places and sometime a trailhead in Ashton will be established.

Black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area map brochure will be available locally and at the trailhead.

A full color version of the current map can be downloaded from the IF Ski Club's web site, [www.ifskiclub.com](http://www.ifskiclub.com). These and additional area maps are 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](http://www.Delorme.com) kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

### **Happening Hounds Pet Services**

IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108

[happeninghounds@yahoo.com](mailto:happeninghounds@yahoo.com)

Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area

Services: Home visits (minimum half hour), overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

### **Climbing**

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about 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/iac\\_climbing](http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/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)

### **Stone Walls Rock Gym**

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

## **50th Anniversary IAC Logo T-Shirts**

### **Retro IAC Patches!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IAC Logo!

Short sleeve \$19 each.

Long sleeve \$26 each.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

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.

**HELP CELEBRATE IAC's 50 YOUNG YEARS  
RENEW NOW FOR YEAR ROUND FUN!**

