

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 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:  
Individuals: \$20  
Family: \$25

After July 1:  
Individuals: \$15  
Family: \$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 2188 St. Clair Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 or by email to [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

# Happy 4th of July!

*No General Meeting in July*

Annual Potluck Picnic will be in August  
All the details will be in next months newsletter.

## President Speaks

Happy Summer!! The snow is finally starting to melt and we are really getting into the

summer season with a full calendar of activities to choose from. Membership is way ahead of last year. Welcome to all the new members and thank-you to all of the members who have renewed. We also have several new members from the Boise area! We'll be looking forward to meeting up with them out on the trail, rocks, or the water.

Thursday nite climbing has been getting a great turn out and sixteen of us had a great weekend at the City of Rocks, even if it did end up a little damp. (Check out Cody's photos of the climbing at Ririe Dam and at the City of Rocks on the Bulletin Board on the club web page)

The Ironbog Lake trip was a blast! There was a lot of snow this year, but we had a great time climbing up it and glissading down. Even Tucker practiced his doggy glissade.

Club shirts are ordered and they are nice. Oxford gray Dri-Release material with an embroidered club logo. Short sleeve crew neck style. Sizes medium, large, and X-large will be available about the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. The cost will be \$12 per shirt.

Programs this fall are planned with Jeff Rhoads presenting his "Rhoads to Everest" slide show to us in September. October will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Slide Nite so take lots of slides this summer. November Ron Waters will present a slide show on Idaho Paddling and will have his and Katharine Daly's new book Guide to Idaho Paddling available for us to buy. We will also have a copy of the book at the August picnic as one of the picnic door prizes. Details of the picnic in August will be in the August bulletin.

See ya out there!!  
Donna

## Council Speaks

No meeting notes this month.

## Upcoming Programs:

**August** - Watch for details about the annual summer picnic.

**September** - Jeff Rhoads presenting his "Rhoads to Everest" slide show.

**October** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Slide Nite

**November** - Ron Waters will present a slide show on Idaho Paddling

## Day Hiking

Mark & Donna Whitham 524-6119  
Don't forget to be prepared. Bring the essentials!

### July 10-11 ~ Darby Canyon / The Wedge

Strenuous hike up the main fork of Darby Creek into the high alpine terrain accessing The Wedge and Mt. Bannon. We will be camping overnight but dayhikers will be welcome to join us. It is 3.9 miles one way to the top of The Wedge with an elevation gain of 3,290 feet. Sunday we will climb Mt. Bannon. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place, 524-6119

## Kid Trips

Rene Miller - 542-5126 - rener@srv.net  
Anybody is welcome to join us. Kids aren't a prerequisite!

### Granite Creek Car Camping ~ July 10 - 11

Located near Hoback Junction. The best part of camping here is the Granite Hot Springs, which is a natural hot springs converted into a swimming pool by the CCC in the 1930's. A fee is charged for swimming. Last time I went (about four years ago) I believe it was \$6 a person. It is a short hike to the swimming area. Hoback Shield climbing area is near by for those that are interested. Call Rene to sign up and for the meeting place, 542-5126.

### Atherton Creek Car Camping August 14-15

The Atherton Creek Campground is just past Gros Ventre campground. It is right next to Lower Slide lake that was created when a portion of Sheep Mountain slid into the Gros Ventre river and dammed the river. The lake is nice for paddling, swimming and fishing. There is short interpretive trail that describes what happened when Sheep Mountain slide into the river. Also located close by is Kelly Warm Springs, which is a natural warm springs that is fun for the kids to play in. Call Rene to sign up and for the meeting place, 542-5126.

### **Aldous Lake & Hancock Lake**

#### **August 21- 22.**

This can be a day hike or an overnight backpack trip depending on the participants interest. Aldous lake is located in the Centennial Mountains, which are near Kilgore. The trail gains a mild 350 feet elevation in 1.5 miles to the first lake and another 550 feet up to the second lake in another 1.5 miles. Fishing is suppose to be good at Aldous Lake. Call Rene to sign up and for the meeting place, 542-5126.

## **Rafting**

Vicki Hulet 523-6199

Raft rental requirements and fees are as follows:

Life Jackets	\$3/day
10-man raft	\$40/day
10-man selfbailing	\$60/day
(\$300 deposit for raft rental to be left with coordinator)	
Club trip fee	\$10/person/day

### **Rental Criteria:**

The person renting a raft must be:

- An active member of the Idaho Alpine Club
- Have recognized captaining abilities for planned river.
- Have assisted in raft maintenance within the last year
- Be able to load gear without assistance

- Have provided rafting coordinator sufficient notice for equipment pickup.

Would-be rafters interested in longer trips may call Vicki to get ideas on how to gain experience. Here is what's planned so far.

### **1999 Float Trips**

#### **July 12-15 Sunbeam stretch of Salmon**

between Challis and Stanley

Contact: Jim Lee 524-5836

#### **July 17 and 31 Alpine Canyon**

Contact: Vicki or Greg Hulet 523-6199

#### **August 14 Alpine Canyon**

Contact: Vicki or Greg Hulet 523-6199

Anyone wanting to organize any other trips, or have a scheduled trips that they want additional folks to go on, please call Greg or Vicki and we will try to assist you!

### **Rafting- Memorial Day Weekend**

by Star Hulet

Walls of water, unexpected rocks, driving currents, screaming captains and pumping adrenaline. The Alpine Clubbers are on the move again. This time their destination was Shoup, Idaho. Their trucks towing rafts, oars, tents, and sleeping bags, it was the most they could do to keep from sticking their heads out the window and screaming, "Look out river, here we come!" And, speaking from experience, they really came. I guess you could say that the turnout was satisfactory. The next morning, after receiving the safety talk from one of the fearless captains, the first load of eager adrenaline junkies donned their trendy bright-orange life jackets and took to the boats. After over an hour of good quality cold water, they came back wet, cold, and for the most part ecstatically happy.

So, that's how it went. The gallant captains shouted commands, as our boats burst

through waves, flew in and out of holes, and dodged the ferocious rock walls. Numb hands, numb feet, numb ears, and numb noses didn't stop our courageous bunch from meeting the river's challenge head on. When the games were over, and the trip was done we were all still standing. Have completed four very successful runs, all forty river crusaders went back to their everyday (warm and dry) lives. So, did that sound appealing? I bet you want a piece of the action now, don't you? Don't you? Our next great adventure is scheduled to be July 12-15 with the almighty Jim Lee, facing the spectacular Sun Beam stretch. July 17 and 31 and August 14, the Alpine Clubbers will be found on Alpine Canyon. "Yah," you're saying. "This is the coolest. This is definitely for me! How do I join in?" Well, it's easy! Simply call the lovely and talented Vicki Hulet (523-6199) for the rafting scoop! Hey, and don't be afraid to jump headfirst into all this rafting fun! The river is waiting!

### **June 25 Gallatin River, Montana Trip Report**

In spite of Jim Lee's description of a previous hair-raising trip, with passengers flying overboard into bitterly cold water, a flipped boat that was eventually lost forever, and rock-battered rafters finally dragging themselves to shore, seven brave souls set out June 27 to conquer the Gallatin River. The Montana weatherman had heard we were coming, so he arranged for the only cloud in the Northwest to park over the river and unload. With a couple of pounds of trepidation, we scouted the river from the highway, finding that the water level was several feet below Jim's previous trip. We figured we could handle it even with the rain, so we loaded the boat and launched ourselves into the great semi-unknown. Using the 16-foot self bailer, we had a great run, with no casualties except one bent spare paddle that had been strapped on the side of

the boat. With lightning and a lot more rain spurring us on, we skipped a second run and spent the afternoon in the IMAX theater in West Yellowstone, experiencing the wild vicariously. (IMAX "Wolves" is marginal.) We decided a weekend trip should be scheduled next year to make the drive more worthwhile, with a possible run on a whitewater section of the Madison. Participants were: Jim and Carl Lee, Greg and Vicki Hulet, Rob Mullin, Nick Soelberg, and Keith Daum.

## **Climbing/Mountaineering**

Kurt Myers 522-5279; Eric Peterson 529-9538

The following schedule can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the levels of the climbers taking part in each trip. The trips to City of Rocks and the Thursday night climbs will provide good opportunities for less advanced climbers to practice technique and learn more about rock climbing protection and placement of gear.

### **1999 Climbing Schedule**

<b>July 9-11</b>	<b>Mt. Rainier - Liberty Ridge route or other, Washington</b>
<b>July 16-18</b>	<b>Tetons: Mt. Moran - CMC route</b>
<b>July 30 – Aug 1</b>	<b>Tetons: Middle Teton or Grand Teton</b>

Aug	13-15	Grand Teton- route on North side
Aug	28-29	Sawtooths - Finger of Fate or other.
Sept Wyoming	3-6	Wind River Mtns., (Cirque of the Towers)
Oct	2-3	Devil's Tower, Wyoming

*There will probably be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others. Call Kurt Myers or Eric Peterson for climbing and scheduling information.*

## Thursday Night Climbs

These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00 pm from the lot behind the old McDonalds (between Burger King and Albertsons), travel to the area, and climb for 1 ½ to 2 hours.

## Thursday night Climbing Schedule

Date	Location	Coordinator
July 8	Blackfoot	Peterson
July 15	Paramount	Myers
July 22	Ross Park- Pokey	Myers
July 29	Ririe Dam	Peterson
August 5	Blackfoot	Peterson
August 12	Paramount/Hiese Rock	Myers
August 19	Ross Park - Pokey	Myers
August 26	Ririe Dam	Peterson
September 2	Blackfoot	Peterson

## Bicycling

Jeff Coward 522-8135

## 1999 Scheduled Bicycling Events

**August 28 & 29?: Double Divide Ride -** Helena, MT. 87 miles on the first day & 52

miles on the second day. Overnight in Lincoln, MT - former home of Ted Kazynski.

**August 20-29?** (Dates subject to change at this point, pending campground reservations, but August is the planned month). Sawtooth Bicycling Bonanza. A week of road and off-road riding in the Sun Valley / Ketchum and Stanley Basin / Sawtooth areas. Rides of all types from easy / short to difficult / long are planned, along with some hiking and other activities thrown in for variety. Base camp will be one of the Redfish Lake campgrounds. Car shuttles would be needed for some of the planned rides. Rides will be on paved roads and highways, paved and unpaved trails and dirt roads. There are 2 books out on the rides / trails in this area. I'll send you the details on them later, in case you want to look over some of the possible rides. (Road & Off-road rides)

**Other rides:** Let me know if you have any other rides in mind that you would like to do. I will be riding any weekend when conditions are reasonable. (No blizzards, etc.)

## Weekday Bike Trips

Following is an outline of rides we've conjured up through July 6. These are NOT cast in stone. If someone has a route they'd like to try, let Kay or Barb know. We did go back to trying to schedule longer; or more remote rides for Tuesday and shorter or local rides for Fridays.

We will try to send reminder messages by email with more detail by Sunday before the Tuesday rides and by Wednesday evening before the Friday rides. If you want to be on the email list send your address to [barbara@srv.net](mailto:barbara@srv.net)

NOTE MEETING TIME changes (to beat heat and wind)

**July 6 (Tue)** Harriman State Park dirt roads trails. Meet at 7:30 at McDonalds next to Fred Myers to consolidate bikes riders.

## Backpacking

George Cole 522-4084; Mark Whitham 524-6119

### July 2 - 4 - Frog Lake

This lake sits at 8,855 feet in the White Clouds with a view of Castle Peak across the lake. The trip is 15.5 miles round trip on a well graded trail. The trail climbs over a 9,560 foot pass that could require snowshoes or some postholing. This is a good time to visit this lake since the trail is open to the motorized crowd and the drifts tend to keep them out. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting location, 524.6119 or email to whitham@srv.net.

### Teton Crest Trail ~ September 4 - 11, 1999

Enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Tetons close up from the Teton Crest Trail (TCT). The almost 40 mile trail weaves in and out of Grand Teton National Park and the Jedediah Smith Wilderness Area of the Targhee National Forest. It skirts dozens of small alpine lakes, traverses the dramatic Death Canyon Shelf, and crosses five passes or divides along its course. There will be lots of time for side trips or dallying in beautiful camping spots along the way. Members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the Potomac Backpackers Association will be joining the IAC on this trip.

We'll ride the Teton Village Aerial Tram to the top of Rendezvous Peak to connect with the TCT. Group campsites have been reserved beginning with the Middle Fork Granite Creek site on night 1, night 2 is on Death Canyon Shelf, night 3 & 4 at Basin Lakes, night 5 in the South Fork Cascade Zone, night 6 in the North Fork Cascade Zone, and night 7 is the

Holly Lake Site. Cost for the trip is \$20.00 per person which includes the cost of the tram and the group campsite reservations. Unfortunately, the Park Service does not allow dogs in the park. Space is limited so sign up soon. Call the Whithams to sign up, 524-6119.

## Club Member Benefits

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

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. Singles may join the AAC for \$40 (instead of \$65) Couples may join for \$65 (instead of \$92.50). Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your Idaho Alpine Club membership card to get the discounted rates. Applications can be accessed on the AAC website:

<http://www.americanalpineclub.org> or at IAC general meetings.

10 % discount on (nonsale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:  
 --Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B  
 --Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station  
 --Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (nonrafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Rafting gear available at a low rental fee

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts  
 Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

### **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-- Leon Wolfram  
 Climbing harness, carabiner & figure 8-- Eric Peterson  
 Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
 Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
 Ice axes-- Leon Wolfram  
 Clinometer & compass for cave mapping----Dean K.  
 PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie 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.-9:30 p.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.]*

### **Web site news**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at <http://www.srv.net/~iac> 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

\*Check out the "SITE STATISTICS" to see who's been visiting the site, which is the most popular page (it's not the homepage), even the most popular time of day (or day of week) to visit the site.