

# 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	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:

Annual Summer Party - August 7th

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## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

### No Club Meeting In July

The annual summer party will be August 7th, so mark your calendars. The place and details will be announced in the next bulletin.

## President Speaks

Even though the weather has been cooler than expected it seems just right for those high-energy exploits like hiking, climbing, and backpacking. Before you head out though, be aware of the weather forecast where you're going and plan accordingly, especially if you're heading for the high country. I'd also like to mention that the club is still looking for a Trail Maintenance coordinator. If you're interested and would like to give it a try let someone on the council know.

Happy Trails,  
Tim

## Party at your place?

The club summer party is being planned and several locations are being reviewed. But, if you would like to be a host to some of your fellow club members, give one of the council-members a call.

## Your input is requested. . .

The council would like to know what you think. We are currently considering looking into ordering car window decals, patches, etc. and would like to know from the members if there is a general interest in items of this nature. You can email or call any of the council members to voice your opinions and ideas.

## Dayhikes ~ 2002

### Snake River Range

#### Oliver Peak Daytrip ~ July 21, 2002

Oliver Peak is located off the west side of Teton Pass and has an elevation gain of 2,324 feet in 4 miles one way to its 9,004 foot summit. From the summit the peaks of the Snake River Range and the southern end of the Tetons unfurl around you. Bring the 10 "E's" and your binoculars. 524.6119 or [dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org) for more details and to sign up.

### Snake River Range

#### Spencer Peak Daytrip ~ August 18, 2002

Located above Pine Creek Pass in the Snake River Range this hike has an elevation gain of 1,570 feet in 2.8 miles one way to the summit of 8,142 foot Spencer Peak. The scenery from the summit is impressive to say the least. Bring the 10 "E's" and your binoculars. 524.6119 or [dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org) for more details and to sign up.

## Backpacking~ 2002

### White Cloud Mts

#### Frog Lake ~ July 4 - 7, 2002

Frog Lake sits at 8,855 feet in the White Cloud Mts. With a view of Castle Peak across the lake. The trip is 15.5 miles round trip on a well graded trail. The trail switchbacks up to a 9,560 foot divide that may require a bit of postholing. Because the trail is open to the motorized crowd, this is a good time to visit the area while the trail may still have snow at the top of the divide. Views of the White Clouds and Lost River range are breathtaking. As the trail descends to Frog lake Castle Peak, Merriam Peak, Serette Ridge, and Granite Peak dominate the view. Sparklers by the lake will salute the nations birthday. We are planning on day hiking and kicking back in the evenings to enjoy lovely views of backlit peaks, a peaceful lake, elk grazing in a meadow, white crowned sparrow twittering in the bushes, mule deer silhouetted against the sky on the ridges, and quiet lily ponds. For trail information: Margaret Fullers Trails of the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mts. 524.6119 or [backpacking@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:backpacking@idahoalpineclub.org) for more details and to sign up.

### Woman's Only Backpack Trip

#### Tetons Mts. Hidden Lake - July 13 - 14, 2002

Leave the guys on their own for the weekend and go on the annual "Chick Trip." Hidden Lake is on the West slope of the Tetons in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness area, north east of Rexburg, and shares a trailhead with Bitch Creek. The trail is relatively flat, with a total gain of only 900 feet over about 5 miles. It is perfect for a nice ramble through the woods to get away for the night to relax. The trail is easy on the knees coming and going. It only took an hour and forty-five minutes to make it into the lake in 1997, despite the abundance of huckleberries to eat and flowers

to photograph. For trail information check out Jerry Painters "Hiking and Biking Trails Near Idaho Falls - Vol. II," hike No. 18. Call Donna Whitham at 524.6119 or [backpacking@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:backpacking@idahoalpineclub.org) for more details and to sign up.

## Biking ~ 2002

### Hiawatha Route - Taft Tunnel Ride

This ride is currently scheduled for July. The Helena Bicycle Club has this ride on their schedule for July 6th. I have not yet decided whether to ride with them or schedule a separate ride for the Idaho Alpine Club. The ride follows the old railroad grade of the Milwaukee Road where it traverses St. Paul Pass. There are several trestles and tunnels, including the Taft tunnel at 8,700 feet long. Lights for the tunnels are required. Distance is about 15 miles one way, with a shuttle available, or you can just ride back. More information can be found at <http://www.helenabicycleclub.org> or at [http://www.skilookout.com/bike\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.skilookout.com/bike_home_page.html) If you are interested in doing this ride, please contact Jeff Coward at [jdc1100@srv.net](mailto:jdc1100@srv.net) or 522-8135 (home) or 529-0775 (work).

### Rigby Lake

This is a road ride from Idaho Falls to Rigby Lake via the lesser used back roads (not on any highways). I am currently planning doing this ride at least once in July and once in August. Distance is about 42 miles round trip.

## Rafting ~ 2002

Cost per person per day on club trips \$10/day with life jacket.

Anyone interested in joining a group that would call in for a Middle Fork or Main Salmon permit, call Greg Hulet 523-6199. Getting the permit does not mean that you are required to lead the trip.

### Raft Rental Prices 2002

Udisco 14' \$25/day

Ryken 14' \$30/day  
Self-bailer 14' \$45/day  
Self bailers 16' \$50/day  
Life jackets only \$3/day  
Includes paddles or oars and life jackets.

Contact Greg Hulet for more info at 523-6199

## Climbing ~ 2002

### Tetons Mts. South Teton Daytrip ~ July 13, 2002

Since the women are leaving us to our own devices, the guys will be climbing the 12,514 foot South Teton. 5,800 vertical feet and 16 miles round trip from the Lupine Meadows Trailhead. The 10 "E's", plus helmets, ice axes, and previous attendance at snow school are required to participate. Call Mark Whitham at 524.6119 or [dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org) for more details and to sign up.

### Schedule for Beginner to Advanced Climbers

This 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 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.

July 12-14	Sawtooths (Warbonnet Peak, Elephants Perch)
Oct 18-20	Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris; Lander, WY

There will be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others (including some Boise members). Call Kurt Myers, Eric Peterson, or Ken Lamson (Boise) for climbing and scheduling information.

## Eastern Idaho 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 Yellowstone McDonalds parking lot, travel to the area, and climb for 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Date	Location	Leader
July 4 - HOLIDAY	No Thursday Night climb	
July 11	Ross Park, Pocatello	Peterson
July 18	Blackfoot	????**
July 25	Ross Park, Pocatello	????**
August 1	Blackfoot	Peterson
August 8	Paramount	Peterson
August 15	Ririe Dam	????**
August 22	Ross Park Pocatello	????**
August 30	Blackfoot	Peterson

\*\*Eric Peterson not available for Thursday night climb, leaders sought.

## National Trails Days Weekend - Trip Report

June 1, 2002: Friday night camping at the City of Rocks kicked off National Trails Day for 9 adults and 4 children. Saturday morning we were able to climb several fun routes on the Breadloaves Super Hits Wall. In the afternoon we met CoR ranger Brad Schilling at campsite #8 by the Twin Sisters and Bulldog rock for the IAC National Trails Day Project. Ten cubic yards of Elba quartzite gravel didn't sound like much gravel to be moved by wheelbarrow, even when the park dump truck dumped the final load of gravel in front of us. The first few wheelbarrows were filled to the brim and pushed up the trail. Notice the key word there, "up." Countless loads later, webbing and two

person teams were pushing and pulling half full wheelbarrow loads of gravel up the trail. Checks were installed into the badly eroded trail and gravel filled in behind the checks. It took us about 4 hours to rebuild approximately 200 feet of trail leading uphill toward Bulldog rock. Rain finally drew our trail building to a halt. After a yummy dinner at the Outpost we headed over to Brad's office to watch his excellent slide show of his latest climbing adventures in Patagonia on Fitzroy and in the Canadian Bugaboos. It rained all night Saturday and continued to rain Sunday morning as everyone broke camp to go in search of coffee and breakfast along the road home. Thank-you to everyone who participated: The Clark family, the Bohrer family, Kevin Coble, Mike Benson, and Michelle Fox. ~ Mark and Donna Whitham

## Highway 31 Clean-up - Trip Report

June 8: The wind was blowing quite hard in Idaho Falls but up on Pinecreek Pass the weather was fairly warm and calm for Jeff Coward, John Bisset, Michelle Fox, and the Whithams. Fortunately, a light amount of trash had accumulated over the winter on the IAC section of Highway 31. Eight bags of trash were picked up plus a few odds and ends too big or heavy to bag. Strong odors emitting from a culvert led to the discovery of a skunk residing within.

## 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](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