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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

From July 1 - October 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

Backpacks: Choosing, Fitting, & Care

Wednesday, June 6, 2001, 8PM, at the Idaho Falls Public Library

A backpack is the means of comfortably carrying everything you need to exist temporarily in the back country. Whether buying a new backpack or trying keep the old one in good shape for a few more adventures, you will find this months presentation valuable and interesting. Idaho Mountain Trading will be providing tips to the Idaho Alpine Club on the merits of internal frame and external frame packs, choosing a pack to fit your size and needs, how to fine tune the adjustments on it out on the trail after it has been properly fitted at the store, how to properly pack it for a woman or a man (there is definitely a difference here...having to do with gravity), how to care for the backpack so it lasts through many

June 6th meeting continued:

adventures, and some emergency repairs out on the trail. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information about the Idaho Alpine Club or the June 6 meeting, call D. Whitham, 524.6119 or check out our web site at:
www.idahoalpineclub.org

President Speaks

Hey everybody! The IAC now has it's own domain name www.idahoalpineclub.org so logon and check out the website and bookmark the new address, Our webmaster George Cole has been doing a truly wonderful job of keeping the website updated and now moving it to our new domain name. Elsewhere in this bulletin George tells us more about the features of the site. Thank-you George!!

This months general meeting presentation on backpacks will be informative for both the novice or experienced backpacker. Don't forget that there is no general meeting in July and the annual picnic in August. September, our presentation will be that long promised "Cat Attacks" slide show by Dean Miller and Jo Deurbrouck. October, we will have our Annual Member Slide Night. With that, get out there and participate in the activities planned or check with the appropriate coordinator to volunteer to lead a trip. You are only going to have as much fun as you make your mind up to have.

See ya out there!!

Donna

Idaho Alpine Club Meets in Boise Too

Typically meets first Monday of each month at REI, 6:30 PM. Call 208.336.8421 or see website for meeting information. Outings have included rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, skiing, and snowshoeing. Group trips often center around the Sawtooth Mountains, Idaho City area, Owyhees and of course the Boise mountains. Watch the schedules in the bulletin and on the website for upcoming events for all IAC members to take part in.

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.

Website News

The club website has moved and now has it's own domain name. The new URL is www.idahoalpineclub.org. For the next few months, the old URL will re-direct you to the new site. Please remember to update your bookmarks the next time you visit. Currently, most of the information and features you have enjoyed are up and running. However, a few links may give you errors during the conversion to the new site. Please be patient and check back often.

If you have any comments on the web site, suggestions for improving the web site or ideas about information or material that should be included, contact George at 522-4084 or email him at webmaster@idahoalpineclub.org.

Bike Rides ~2001

B.A.M.I.C. + Hot Springs.

Self-contained bike tour around Idaho, visiting natural hot springs along the way. June 20 - July 4, 2001, Approx. 700 miles (50 miles/day average). A trip description and contact information can be seen on the web at:

<http://users.sisna.com/vagabond/bamic/bamic.htm>

Day Hikes ~ 2001

June 9 ~ Tetons Mts. South Teton Dayhike

Since the women are leaving us to our own devices, the guys will be climbing the South Teton. 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 dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

June 30 ~Mt. Jefferson and Rock Creek Basin/Marie Lake Dayhike

Located in the Centennial Mts along the Idaho Montana border. Eight miles round trip with spectacular views on the Continental Divide. Bring the 10 "E's". 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

July 14 ~ Teton Mts. - Green Lakes South Leigh Dayhike

Located on the west slope of the Tetons, this cluster of pretty lakes are 10.6 miles round trip on a moderate trail. Bring the 10 "E's". 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

August 5 ~ Snake River Mts. - Little Elk Creek and Mt Baird

Located above Palisades Reservoir in the Snake River Mts this hike is relatively steep with an elevation gain of 4,105 feet in 4.5 miles. The scenery from the summit is impressive to say the

least. Bring the 10 "E's" and your binoculars. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

Backpacking ~ 2001

June 8th - 17 ~ Dark Canyon

We will hike from the Ponderosas of Elk Ridge to the hot sands of the Lake Foul Sewage Pond. Difficulty is estimated at moderate. It will be HOT in the lower canyon. Trip size = 5. For info, contact Rob Jones at robjones@sisna.com or 801-485-3262.

June 9 - 10, 2001

Woman's Only Backpack Trip

Leave the guys to their own devices for the weekend and go on a "Chick Trip." Mill Creek Lake in the Lemhi Mts is a little over 2.3 miles with an 850 foot elevation gain to the lake. Some what of an alpine setting with the option to continue up to the divide for a view towards Meadow Lake on the other side. This is the first of two womans trips we plan to do this summer and is more of a beginners trip or a first trip of the season shakedown for the rest of us. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

June 16-17, 2001 ~ Gormer Canyon

Gormer canyon is a large grassy canyon located along the South Fork of the Snake River east of Heise Hot Springs. The trail is moderate and about a 2-1/2 hour hike (approximately 4 miles) from Black's Canyon (at the end of the South Fork road past Heise). This makes a great spring backpacking opener or dayhike, and is easy enough for most children to enjoy. Plan to gather and leave Idaho Falls at 8am Saturday and returning home in time for dinner on Sunday. Call George Cole at 522-4084 or email at: hockey@srv.net.

June 22- 24, 2001

Trailer Lakes/Mt. Regan, Sawtooths

Backpack/Climb; Leave Boise 7 PM Fri., drive to Grandjean trailhead and carcamp; Sat.- backpack on trail to Trail Cr. Lakes, then bushwack to Trailer Lakes (total 3600' elevation gain); Sun.- optional west side attempt on Mt. Regan (10,190'), out; for details contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 or mjallen@micron.net

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July 13-15, 2001**Lake 9425/Mt. Carter, Sawtooths**

Backpack/Climb; Leave Boise 6 PM Fri., drive to Redfish Lake trailhead and carcamp; Sat.- backpack 3 mi. up Fishhook Creek on trail, then rough bushwack for 3 mi. to Lake 9425. Optional climb of Mt. Carter (10,590') or Mickey's Spire or Thompson Peak on Sat. or Sun.; for details contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 or mjallen@micron.net

July 21, 2001 - Death Hike

Three choices from the Grandjean trailhead: 18, 42, or 30 miles, the last being mostly cross country; we're heading to the Grandjean campground early PM on Fri., 7-20 to reserve a campsite and get ready for the wee hours start; for details contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 or mjallen@micron.net

July 26-29, 2001**2001 Hot Springs Challenge**

How many hot springs can you visit in a weekend? George has issued this challenge on his web site, Idaho Hiking and Hotsprings <http://www.srv.net/~hockey/hotsprings>, and will be making an attempt at an "official" record. The plan is to camp overnight at or near Goldfork Hot Spring near Cascade, ID. Then to begin the challenge at Teapot Hotspring Friday afternoon. We'll dip in as many springs as we can find, finishing up Sunday afternoon somewhere near Atlanta, ID (hopefully). There's a potential to experience over 40 hotsprings on this trip. This is primarily a no-frills car camping trip and simple summertime meals fresh from the cooler are appropriate. Most of the hot springs along the planned route are roadside dips. If you can't make the entire trip, feel free to join us along the way. Call George Cole at 522-4084 (or email:hockey@srv.net) for more information and/or sign up.

August 10 - 12**Wind River Mts. - Green River Lakes Backpack**

Enjoy the spectacular scenery including an impressive view of Squaretop above the upper Green River Lake. Help set up a shuttle for the week long trip participants and hike on the Highline Trail in the rugged Wind River Mountains to Green River Lakes with us. Complete the loop back to the trail head on Sunday by hiking on the Porcupine Trail. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

August 11 - 19, 2001**Wind River Mts. Highline Trail Backpack**

Hike the Highline Trail in the rugged Wind River Mountains, climb Squaretop, and enjoy some really spectacular scenery along the way. The tentative plan is to go in at Green River Lake and come out at Elkhart Park with several side trips along the way. 524.6119 or dwhitham@srv.net for more details and to sign up.

January 18 - February 9, 2002**Climb of Kilimanjaro (19k) in Tanzania, Africa**

3 wk trip: 1 wk for travel; 1 wk for climb; 1 wk for safari; mandated park fees/guides/porters push up

cost - est. total trip cost pp = \$5000; There are now 4 people committed; we are going to book our trip shortly, so if you want to go: contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 or mjallen@micron.net

Climbing ~ 2001

This schedule can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the level of the climbers taking part in each trip. The trips to Smith Rocks, Massacre Rocks, and 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 5-8 Mt. Rainer (Liberty Ridge) or
 Mt. Adams (North Side), WA
Aug 3-5 Tetons - Various Day Routes

There will probably be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others. Call Kurt Myers 522-5279 or Eric Peterson 529-9538.

Thursday Night Climbs

These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening starting on May 31st. We leave at 6pm from the Yellowstone McDonald's parking lot, travel to the area, climb for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released before summer.

Climbing Co-Coordinator *STILL* Needed for 2001 Thursday Night Climbs

Eric would like someone to help him out this summer on the Thursday night climbs to set the ropes and lead the routes. Contact Eric for more information about the position at 529.9538.

Thursday Night Climbing Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader</u>
June 7	Ross Park,	Peterson

June 14	Blackfoot	????**
June 21	Ririe Dam	????**
June 28	Paramount	Peterson
July 5	HOLIDAY No Thursday Night climb	
July 12	Ross Park,	Peterson
July 19	Blackfoot	Peterson
July 26	Ross Park,	Peterson
August 2	Blackfoot	Peterson
August 9	Paramount	Peterson
August 16	Ririe Dam	Peterson
August 23	Ross Park	Peterson
August 30	Blackfoot	Peterson

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

Rafting ~ 2001

There will be sign up sheets at the meetings for the following day section trips. Other ideas for trips are welcome. The dates for these are somewhat flexible. We will be trying to obtain a canceled Main Salmon, or Middle Fork permit through the summer, which may take precedence over the day section trips. We also plan to do some weekend camping trips on the South Fork, below Palisades Reservoir this spring and in the fall, depending on the weather. Please contact Jim Lee (524-5836), or Greg Hulet (523-6199) for trip information.

Rafting Schedule 2001

June 13-17

Main Salmon below Sunbeam Dam (O'brien campground) class III

Rafting Schedule continued:

July 7

Alpine Canyon, class II-III

July 18-22

Main Salmon near Shoup (Spring Creek campground), class III, or try for a canceled Main Salmon permit around this time.

August 8-12

Main Payette below Banks (Hot Springs campground), class III

August 25

Alpine Canyon, class II-III

Anyone interested in leading trips is welcome to contact us regarding these trips, or to post additional ones. Please contact us if you are interested in gaining captain experience, safety practice, or repair and rigging information.

Car Camping ~ 2001

With a 3 1/2 year old child and one six months old, Rebecca and I have had too change in our approach to the outdoors. If you are interested in exploring areas from a car base camp, we are looking for you. From years of backpacking experience we are planning on going to areas with no services, primitive (i.e. you must be self contained). We are looking at fishing, day hikes, hot pools as well as sitting on our bumbies, and anything else that is of interest.

June 23-24 ~ Swagger, Shadow Lake.

This area is in the Lost River range up past Howe, ID. This a place for day hikes, fishing, and bumbie sitting.

July 21-22 ~ Panther Creek and Horse Creek Hot Springs.

This area is near the Big Horn Crags. Our main goal here is the hot pool but there is also fishing and hiking.

If you are interested in any of these or have one of your own contact Rebecca or Gaylon Lords at 538-6637. We will be planning one a month through October.

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**Continental Divide Trail Alliance's
Uniting Along the Divide**

This year the CD Trail Alliance will attempt to inventory the natural scenic, historic and cultural features along the Continental Divide Trail from Canada to Mexico. They have four of the eight 100 mile segments along the MT/ID border covered, but need help with the other four segments.

Volunteers can hike or horseback their sections.

For more information contact Bruce Ward at

CDNSTBruce@aol.com or see their website at:

<http://www.cdtrail.org/member.html>

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
- K & R Adventure Gear
522-5279 or 877-369-7407
www.knradventuregear.com
- Canyon Whitewater Supply
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls.
522-3932

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

American Alpine Club - Discount membership: 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.

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 Website

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at 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