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Council Meetings:

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

June Council Meeting Will Be At:

Bob Tyler's - 2340 St. Clair Rd

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Mark Whitham	520-7232
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
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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.

JULY Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight June 14

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

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin time permitting.

Caving on the West Slope of the Tetons:

Idaho Alpine Club General Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

7:30 PM at the Idaho Falls Library

At the IAC June meeting, the Wilderness Program Manager for the Jedediah Smith & Winegar Hole Wildernesses Caribou-Targhee National Forest and Search and Rescue will provide a presentation regarding caving on the West Slope in general and the Darby Wind Cave to Fossil Mountain Ice Cave in particular. The Wind-Ice Cave trip is a serious trip that requires special specialized equipment and skills -- all in a pitch black and cold environment. Temperatures average 33 degrees and there are numerous opportunities to become lost. Rescue becomes problematic for Search and Rescue teams in the cave environments.

The meeting is open to the public. All outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org

or contact D. Whitham at 520.1728

President Speaks

I would like to thank everyone who voted on the revision in the bylaws to remove language that raised a liability issue for people on club trips. The revision to delete a sentence in Article IX of the bylaws easily passed. Thank you for the good voting turnout, especially the two members who couldn't stay for the program at the library but came just to cast their votes!

Good news on the climbing front. Kevin Coble and Eric Larsen have volunteered to serve as the climbing activity coordinators this year.

They will organize the weekly Wednesday night climbs, an activity that the club has sponsored for as long as I can remember. Due to time constraints, Kevin and Eric will be limited in the weekend climbing trips that they can personally coordinate. Remember, they are activity coordinators and are not responsible for coordinating each and every climbing trip. So if you are planning a climbing trip and would like to invite club members to come along, let Kevin and Eric know so they can add it to the club trip schedule.

Bob Tyler

Upcoming Programs

Summer Picnic in August

Rafting

For information on rafting trips, or contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org, or contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description.

May 27-29: Annual Memorial Day float near Shoup (class III). Camp at Spring Creek campground. Pot luck dinner Saturday and Sunday night. Everyone attending is expected to help haul gear. If you can't carry your share of the gear, don't plan on rafting. This will be contingent on water levels. Contact Greg Hulet, 208 523-6199

June 3, Fall River, (class III-IV). (Greg Hulet 523-6199)

July 15, Hatchery Ford. Bring your own boat. (Henry's Fork class III). (Jim Lee 524-5836)

July 19-23, South Fork Boise River. Bring your own boat. (class III-IV). Camp near Danskin bridge. (Jim Lee 524-5836)

Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips or to sign up to go, contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728 or dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

June 11 Dayhike: Elkhorn Mountain, located in the Bannock Range, class 2, 2500 ft elevation gain, approx. 8 miles round trip, leashed dogs welcome, (Whithams).

June 17 Dayhike: Liar's Pass Trail Hike in the Big Holes. This is a class 2, ridge hike with some elevation gain. We will hike in 3 or 4 miles and turn around and come back out. Call Bob Tyler for meeting place and time. Weeknights: 523-5560, Weekends: 787-2601.

June 18 Dayhike: Echo Crater, located at Crater's of the Moon, class 1, 400 ft elevation gain, 8 miles round trip, dogs are not allowed on the trails at the National Monument, no water sources, bring at least 2 quarts water, wear sturdy boots as the trail will tear up light weight foot wear, (Whithams).

June 23 - 25 Backpack: Annual Chick Trip without the men (or the kids-2 or 4 legged variety) to Farley Lake, located in the Sawtooth Mountains, class 2, 784 ft elevation gain, 6 miles round trip. We'll drive over to the Sawtooth's on Friday evening, hike in on Saturday, and return on Sunday evening. Depending on the makeup of the group, we may hike the additional 3+ miles to camp at Toxaway Lake. To sign up and participate in the informal planning, call D. Whitham.

July 2 Dayhike & Trail Work: Darby Canyon Wind Cave Trail located on the west slope of the Tetons, class 2, approx 2000 ft elevation gain, 6 miles round trip. We will be checking the status of the trail to see if the snow has melted out yet, possibly clearing waterbars or cutting out downfall on the way up. Leashed dogs welcome. (Whithams).

July 21-23 Backpack: Bear Valley Lakes located in the Lemhi Mountains, class 2, 2360 elevation gain, approx 13 miles round trip, extra 2.5 miles to see upper lakes. We will drive to trail head on Friday night and return to IF on Sunday evening. Leashed dogs welcome. (Whithams).

August 12 Dayhike: Taylor Creek located in the Centennial Mountains, class 2, approx 3264 ft elevation gain, approx 14 miles round trip. Leashed dogs welcome. (Whithams).

August 19 Dayhike: Upper Palisades Lake. This will be an easy hike that is made more difficult by its length (16 miles round trip). This is arguably one of the best trails on the Snake River. We will meet at the McDonalds on Yellowstone Highway at 8 AM and drive to the trailhead in a car pool. The hike will follow the Palisades Creek and will offer splendid scenery; lots of moose, deer, and some Mountain Goats roaming the high rugged cliffs along the trail. After 4 miles we will come to the Lower Palisades Lake where many people fish and camp. After a short break we will continue to the upper Palisades Lake (another 2 miles). Here you can swim out to an island and soak up some sun after a cold & invigorating swim, paddle, or float. We will return down the canyon and reach the trail head by 7 PM. We will enjoy dinner at the Angus Cafe in Swan Valley, and return to IF by 9PM.

Call Ken Krivanek for more information: 528-8224.

August 26th Dayhike: Table Mountain. This will be an intermediate hike that is made difficult by the steepness of the first 4 miles. This again is one of the most popular hikes in southeastern Idaho/western Wyoming. We will meet at the McDonalds on Yellowstone at 7 AM and drive to the trailhead in a car pool. The hike will ascend to the top along the steep face for 4 miles.

This is a steep climb but doable for anyone in reasonable condition. (If you can do the previous weeks trip to Upper Palisades, this is doable). We will reach the top by 1 PM and enjoy the scenery and have a long, well deserved lunch while being held in the arms of the Teton range. We will then hike down the back side of Table Mountain for 6.5 miles and reach the trailhead by 6 PM. We will head into Victor and enjoy dinner at the Knotty Pine, and return to IF by 9 PM. Call Ken Krivanek for more information: 528-8224.

September 16-17 Backpack: Green Lakes located on the west slope of the Tetons, class 2, 2040 elevation gain, 13 miles round trip. Leashed dogs welcome. (Whithams).

Climbing

For information or driving directions contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354.

2006 Wednesday Evening schedule:

May 31st Ririe
June 7th Blackfoot
June 14th Paramount
June 21 Ross Park
June 28th Heise (???) or Paramount
July 5th Blackfoot
July 12th Paramount
July 19th Blackfoot
July 26th Heise (???) or Paramount
Aug 2nd Blackfoot
Aug 9th Ross Park
Aug 16th Paramount
Aug 23rd Blackfoot
Aug 30th Ross Park

Notes: May 31st - bring gloves and a garbage bag. We will do 10 minutes of trash pickup prior to climbing (several broken bottles litter the area).

We need volunteers to run the July 5th outing, as Eric Larsen and Kevin Coble will be out of town (on a climbing trip - naturally!)

Bicycling

For biking information, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or send an e-mail to bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

Fast training rides during Daylight Saving Time start every Mon. & Wed. at 6 pm from Alpine Cyclery

June 10-11, 2006 – TOSRV-West – Tour of the Swan River Valley
<http://www.missoulabike.org>

June 17 and/or 18, 2006 - West Yellowstone to Warm River (mountain bike ride)

This ride can be done in 1 or 2 days, depending on the preference of the riders. It follows the old railroad grade from West Yellowstone to Warm River Campground. The terrain is mostly flat, but there are some area with sand and cinders.

July ?, 2006 – Rigby Lake ride(s)

August 26, 2006 - Cycling Association of Star Valley, 20,38,45,65,85,100 mile ride & BBQ www.casv.org/casvar.htm

October 7, 2006 - Old Faithful ride - www.cycleyellowstone.com/

Knobby Tire Series

mountain bike races
www.knobbytireseries.com:

June 3-Kelly Canyon Knobby Challenge

June 24-25-Soldier Mountain DH & XC

July 2-Urban Assault Downtown Boise
August 5-Intermountain Orthopaedics White Knob Challenge

August 19-20-Tamarack Twister NORBA State Championships

Idaho Cycling Enthusiasts (ICE) time trial series and other ICE rides:

www.idahocycling.com

You do not need to be a racer to test yourself on this series. There are four flat time trials, and four hill climbs.

You can ride two of them without being an ICE member if you are the guest of a member. To ride more than two time trials, you need to be an ICE member
Schedule:

June 6, 2006 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm - Idaho Falls ICE time trial #4 Sunnyside Hill, 6 miles

June 20, 2006 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm - Idaho Falls ICE time trial #5 Sunnyside Hill, 6 miles

June 24, 2006 (Saturday) - Tour of Marsh Creek Valley, Pocatello, Idaho

July 11, 2006 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm - Idaho Falls ICE time trial #6 Sunnyside Hill, 6 miles

July 25, 2006 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm - Idaho Falls ICE time trial #7 Sunnyside Hill, 6 miles

August 13, 2006 (Sunday) - Fish Creek training ride – ICE

August 15, 2006 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm - Idaho Falls ICE time trial #8 West River Road, < 10 miles

More rides will be listed later as dates are finalized.

Chocks and Nuts:

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Monthly minutes will be published at www.idahoalpineclub.org from now on.

Meeting Date: 04/18/2006

Invitees: Jeff Coward, Alan Crockett, George Cole, Ken Krivanek, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew, Leon Wolfram, Judy Williams (Attendees are underlined.)

Note Taker: Jeff Coward

1) Meeting call to order: 7:40 pm

2) Reading of previous month meeting minutes: approved

3) Treasurer's Report - (03/01/2006 through 03/31/2006):

Income - January:	\$353.03
Expenses - January:	\$229.68
Rafting Fund Balance:	\$2,387.50
Overall Balance:	\$3,755.47

Checking Balance: \$568.20

Members in 2005: 101 as of December 31, 2005

Members to Date: 68 as of April 18, 2006

Treasurer's Report approved by vote.

4) Old Business:

Bylaws revision

Jeff will collect any ballots mailed in and bring them to the meeting. If it looks like we might not have enough mail in ballots, council members will call members to remind them to mail in their vote or attend the meeting.

Club equipment

Club equipment still being located and inventoried.

Climbing coordinator

A climbing coordinator is still needed. We are still checking on potential candidates.

Domain name renewal

The club's domain name has been renewed for 6.31 years. George will be reimbursed for this.

Club t-shirts

Ken has a list of the sizes and styles that we need to order. We still need to get information from Tim on ordering. Supplier, pricing, embroidered logo or printed logo, and whether the supplier still has our logo on file needs to be checked.

Trip schedule

We are still working on a comprehensive list of summer trips.

Income & Expenses

Jeff obtained some information on reducing printing and mailing costs. This was reviewed, and more detailed information should be available for the next meeting.

5) New Business:

Tri-fold reprinting

Our tri-fold brochure that describes the club and activities needs to be updated and reprinted. The P.O. box needs to be changed, along with other updates including e-mail addresses, etc.)

Canoeing/Kayaking/Caving coordinator

Eirik Fowler is interested in these coordinator positions. Bob will check with him on this.

6) Administrative Business:

February general meeting snacks: Jeff & Judy

February council meeting at:

Sandy Pew's 1208 Pacific Street

May 16, 2006 7:30 pm

7) Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm

Climb Indoors at:

Stone Walls Rock Gym: Call 528.8610 for summer hours.

Support merchants who support the IAC:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679 Shoup & B, Idaho Falls
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply 522-3932 450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Free Heel and Wheel 406-646-7744 40 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, Montana,.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

IAC Stickers

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

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Membership Fees

Full Year 7/1 to 10/1

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.

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

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