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## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

6.14.2007: Jo Ann Sherwin's home, 6695 Rimrock

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	529-8142
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
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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 15**

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 15th 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.

## "Climbing Near Idaho Falls" IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2007, 7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library

PLEASE NOTE:  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING NIGHT IS  
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AGAIN

If you've ever wondered if there's any good rock climbing near Idaho Falls, come and see where to go with the Idaho Alpine Club. If all you thought we have is Paramount and Heise, this program is for you. Jerry Painter will present a program of slides and video on local rock climbing crags near Idaho Falls. Rather than focus on farflung areas you'll never get to (not that they aren't fun to learn about), we'll take you to cool places you've never been to right in your own backyard. Come see the fun areas that are still being developed in Blackfoot River Canyon, Wolverine Canyon, Darby Canyon and rock near Howe.

The meeting is open to the public. 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 523-5560

### **President Speaks**

Now that everyone is used to having our programs on the first Tuesday of every month, we up and change it back to the first Wednesday of every month beginning with our June program. The police department no longer needs the library meeting room on Wednesdays. I thought everyone would be excited to have Wednesdays back, but a couple of people have already told me that Tuesdays are actually better for them. So maybe at some point in the future, we ought to poll everyone to see which night is best.

I apologize if you missed Julie Geng's excellent trekking slide show on May 1st because your newsletter was late. We are mailing the newsletter by bulk mail which can take as long as 10 business days to be delivered. Bulk mail saves us a lot of money but it does make for a tight schedule when our meeting night is on the first or second day of the month. If in the future, your newsletter doesn't reach you by the meeting night, you can access the newsletter on our website [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) and can check out the program there.

Bob Tyler

## Climbing

For information on current trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

### Teton Mountaineering:

#### June 16-17

This will be an overnight trip into the Teton Mountains. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the exact route will depend on conditions, but that's the way mountaineering is sometimes. This will be a more advanced trip, and previous mountaineering experience is required. Possibilities include Buck, Disappointment Peak, or the Middle Teton. We'll hike in on Saturday and set up a camp. Then it's off to bed for a predawn wake up call. After our summit attempt we'll hike back down to the trail head and have a well deserved dinner in Jackson. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

### Grand Teton:

#### August 16th, 17th, & 18th

This is the big one. The Grand Teton is the crown jewel of the Teton Range, and a must do for any aspiring mountaineers. There are no walk up routes to the top. All routes require solid technical climbing ability. Participants in this trip must have demonstrated competency in all aspects of mountaineering. Climbing, belaying, rappelling, massive exposure, carrying big packs, moving fast over rough terrain, and dealing with the Teton's unpredictable August weather are all needed skills for this trip. Sign up will begin in July, and applicants must be active participants in other club climbing trips this summer to be considered.

Route selection will depend on conditions (of course), and participant skill and desire. Upper Exum Ridge or Owen-Spaulding routes will be the most likely choices. We will reserve a camp site in the moraines for 2 nights, but if all goes well we'll only need one.

We will hike in on Friday, set up camp, and try for the summit early Saturday morning. This schedule helps to beat most of the weekend crowd. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

## 2007 Wednesday Evening

### Climbing Schedule:

May 30th - Ririe  
June 6th - Blackfoot  
June 13th - Ross Park  
June 20th - Paramount  
June 27th - Heise (or Paramount)  
July 4th - None  
July 11th - Blackfoot  
July 18th - Ross Park  
July 25th - Paramount  
August 1st - Heise (or Paramount)  
August 8th - Blackfoot  
August 15th - Ross Park  
August 22nd - Paramount  
August 29th - Ross Park

## Rafting

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

**June 2 – Fall River** – Class 4 day trip (water level permitting) Contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199.

**June 30-Alpine Canyon:** Afternoon Class 3 water. Contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199.

**July 18-22 - South Fork Boise** (class III-IV) - Contact Jim Lee 524-5836. Sixteen mile long day section with no services camping near launch site. We will launch around noon each day. Bring your own boat.

## Bicycling

For biking information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email:

[bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org) unless otherwise indicated in the trip description.

Weather can affect events at any time of year. Most events are held regardless of weather conditions, but events can be abbreviated or cancelled due to weather at any time. If conditions are questionable, contact an event coordinator for a status update.

### June 9, 2007 – West Yellowstone to Warm River:

Mountain bike ride. 21, 30, and 54 mile options are available on this annual Alpine Club ride. A car shuttle is required, so at least two vehicles capable of transporting riders and bikes will be needed. The ride starts in West Yellowstone and follows the South Fork

of the Madison River to the top of Reas Pass, then descends to Big Springs. This section is about 21 miles long. The pass has only one short section of moderately steep road. Any level of rider can negotiate this section. There may be some sections of loose cinders and sand on parts of this ride. Some areas used by ATV's may also have some washboarding. We will stop at Big Springs for lunch. For those riders not wanting to do the entire 54 mile ride to Warm River, a third vehicle could be left at Big Springs to transport them to the last 9 mile long descent along the Warm River to the campground. The flat section from Big Springs to the junction with the road to Warm River Springs crosses rivers and streams and passes by many ponds. Fields of wildflowers are generally in bloom as well. Wildlife and birds of various types can often be seen along the route. There may be some mosquitos as well, so bring some repellent with DEET in addition to your sun screen. A short side trip of 2 miles one way to Warm River Springs is an option for anyone who wants to go. There is a short steep hill on this side trip. Contact Jeff Coward, 522-8135 or [jdc1100@srv.net](mailto:jdc1100@srv.net) for more information.

**June 16 – Fish Creek:** Road bike ride. 40 and 60 mile options are available on this road bike ride that starts from the Warm River campground area which was the finish for the previous weekend's mountain bike ride. Shorter options are available – you can turn around at any point and return to the start. The Fish Creek road is paved for over 20 miles and ascends above the Island Park area for an elevation gain of about 2,700 feet. Near the top the views of the surrounding area are excellent. The pavement is in reasonably good shape and there is almost no traffic. Near the end of the pavement, there is a descent on the Baker Draw road that is also paved for about 10 miles. Both roads have unpaved sections. The Fish Creek road eventually connects with the road to Big Springs, while the Baker Draw road leads to Eccles. Mosquito repellent might be worth carrying in addition to your sun screen. Contact Bob Tyler at 787-2601 or [mbtyler@srv.net](mailto:mbtyler@srv.net) for more information.

## Trail Maintenance

### July 20-21 - Sheep Creek Trail:

The Alpine Club will support the Palisades Ranger District by conducting tread work (trail widening) on the Sheep Creek Trail (trail 096, non motorized), July 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday. We will meet Dave Woodcock at the trailhead at 8:00 am on Friday, camp that night at the trailhead and work again on Saturday. Bring all your own camping gear and food. Dave will provide the tools and animals to haul the equipment but we will start work on the bottom end of the trail and work our way up. Our support is part of the larger project which will include drilling and blasting the upper portion of the trail to provide a 24 inch wide trail. Contact Alan Crockett if you plan to help, [abcrock.fu73573 at msn.com](mailto:abcrock.fu73573@msn.com).

### Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips and or to sign up to go, contact Sam Pole email: [Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org) or [sbpole at cableone.net](mailto:sbpole@cableone.net) 523-4970 unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

**May 26 - Saturday: Black Canyon** (End of the river road past Heise) to Dry Creek. This hike is along a shelf/rim above the Snake River canyon east of Heise. Round trip approx. 13 miles. Trip Coordinator: Sam Pole. Fairly easy hike along a shelf of the canyon with some loose footing in places, but nothing serious.

### June 2, 2007, Saturday: Craters of the Moon

West of Arco, Idaho. Round trip approx. 6 miles not counting short side trips to view various volcanic features off the main trail. Trip Coordinator: Sam Pole. Generally an easy hike this time of year. Will proceed out to Echo Crater, and beyond if the group wishes and time allows.

### June 14 - Thurs: Blowout Canyon

North side Palisades Lake past Big Elk. Round trip from parking area, approx. 5 miles. Trip Coordinator: Sam Pole. This is a moderate hike up canyon over slide debris to where the slide scar may be viewed. Interesting geomorphic features.

**June 23-24 - Saturday-Sunday: Upper Palisades/Waterfall Canyon** Approx. 6.5 miles to Upper Palisades Lake, thence Sun. morning, to Waterfall Canyon approx. 3.5 miles. Trip

Coordinator: Sam Pole. This is the first overnight with camping at Upper Palisades Lake. This is a moderate plus hike (Due to individual packs and camping gear). Day hike (small day/fanny packs) into Waterfall Canyon Sunday morning to see two waterfalls; some snow may still be present. Return trip on Sunday is approx. 13.5 miles (Upper Palisades camp site to Waterfall Canyon and then back to the parking area).

### Trip Reports

April 28-Highway Clean-up: Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown What can we say but thank-you, thank-you for supporting the club highway clean-up to Neil & Sally Burrell, Colleen Thompson, Jo-Ann Sherwin, Paul Worth, Garney Hardy, Susan McKinley, and especially to Bob & Marie Tyler for hosting the yummy barbeque afterwards. We filled 15 bags with trash while enjoying a stellar weather day.

### Support merchants who Support the IAC

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hours: 4-9PM Monday - Thursday,  
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### Free Maps:

New color topographic maps are available for download from the Palisades Ranger District web site: [www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps). On this page there is an index map showing an 8 page map that covers the entire ranger district and connecting areas at a scale of 1:112,500. Each map must be downloaded separately and they can

be pasted together to form one large map. Hard copies of these maps are not available from the FS.

There are also 12 more detailed "Specialty" maps covering specific trails. These maps are at a scale of 1:50,000 with shaded relief and are detailed enough to replace USGS topographic maps in most cases. Coordinates of trailheads and key intersections are provided. Since the files are large, a high speed internet connection is needed. The Palisades Ranger District Office has a limited number of hard copies of the detailed maps.

### Paul McCarthy:

Long time and honorary member, Paul McCarthy passed away on May 8th. His passion for the outdoors and trail work, into his late 70s was an inspiration to many of us. The Lava Trail as many of us know it, the start of the many XC-trails and warming huts in Kelly Canyon are part of Paul's legacy. The outdoors was Paul's sport. Most importantly, Paul motivated many of us to give back to the outdoors by adopting trails and by volunteering to work on trail projects which in turn will leave a legacy for future generations to hike on.

From Barbara Brown: I'd like to add a tribute to Paul, who until the last few years of the Tuesday rides was a regular and a motivating rider. He did so much for the Nordic skiing community and introduced me to the wonderful trails of N. Idaho. His hospitality to my family, to Alpine Club bikers and his many Argonne friends at his and Eleanor's cottage on Lake Coeur d'Alene was above and beyond.... We'll all miss him very much. He died yesterday and many of us are devastated. He was a GOOD man, a family man, and the ultimate outdoor man expert and sometimes a wild man in almost any reasonable venue you can think of: backpacking, horsepaking, mountain climbing, downhill skiing, Nordic skiing, sailing, rafting, ...

### For Sale

#### Yakima Child Carrier,

Used for only one child and still in perfect condition.

It is very easy to adjust from one adult to another and carries children up to 45 lbs. It comes with a child shade, bottle holster and small backpack. It originally retailed for close to \$200. Selling for \$100 Call Katherine or Kevin at 529-8142.

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- June 6th - Climbing: Blackfoot
- June 6 - IAC GENERAL MEETING
- June 9 - Mtn Bike: West Yellowstone to Warm River
- June 13th - Climbing: Ross Park
- June 14 - Hiking: Blowout Canyon
- June 16-17-Mountaineering: Tetons
- June 16 - Road Bike: Fish Creek
- June 20th - Climbing: Paramount
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- July 25th - Climbing: Paramount
- Aug 16-18- Mtnring: The Grand Teton

**Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC**

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*For more information write to the address below or visit our web site to download a free newsletter and application:*

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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 Council Meeting Minutes

**NOTE:** Monthly minutes are available at

[www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

**IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each, while they last. When the long sleeve shirts we have are gone, they are gone. 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.

**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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