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## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

June: Whitham's Home	706 Laurelwood
July: Jantz's Home	2955 West 17 <sup>th</sup> North

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
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## General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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.

## JULY Bulletin Deadline is:

**5 PM on JUNE 10**

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th 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.

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

"BEYOND THE TETONS"

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Susan Marsh and Rebecca Woods have recently issued an updated second edition of their book, *Beyond the Tetons*, a hiking guide to the Wyoming, Salt River, Caribou and Snake River Ranges. Their book includes 90 hikes ranging from short, half-day trips to multi-day excursions. At our June meeting, Rebecca will show slides of scenery that can be found along some of the trails covered in the book. In addition, she'll throw in some images of areas covered in her previous books, *Targhee Trails* and *Jackson Hole Hikes*. This will be a good opportunity to learn about beautiful less familiar venues to explore around Alpine, Wyoming and the Snake River Canyon, areas that are no further to drive to than Grand Teton Park or Island Park. Instead of returning to the same places time and time again, why not check out some overlooked scenic areas nearby that have the added advantage of being uncrowded plus you can take your dog.

Besides roaming the hills of southeast Idaho and western Wyoming researching her books, Rebecca has also guided treks in the Himalayas. She also managed the Off Trail Program for Exum Mountain Guides and has served as a naturalist for the Teton Science School and the Smithsonian. Come and enjoy Rebecca's talk and learn about some nearby trails less traveled that are begging to be explored as soon as the weather warms up and the snow melts and the hiking season begins.

The meeting is open to the public and 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 787-2601.

## President Speaks

Transition: Webster's defines it as "a passing from one condition, form, stage, activity, place, etc. to another". May is certainly Eastern Idaho's time of transition or, more appropriately, time of change. We see and experience it especially with the weather which directly impacts the clubs climbing, biking, and hiking offerings. Rafting usually begins at the end of the month and is less impacted. Activities may be scrubbed due to rain, snow and possibly high winds. These impediments to some of our activities may occur separately or even all in the same day. We can watch the weather forecasts to see what a particular day may be like, but often they are wrong from one day to the next. Thus decisions about an activity may only be made on the morning of the proposed outing. So make your decision to participate in an outing regardless of weather forecasts, but come prepared for unexpected conditions, including the possibility of not being able to go at all.

Sam Pole

## Participation on Club Activities Common Adventure

**/ Trips:** With the exception of rafting, Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing.

Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure/trip of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure / trip / activity.

## Day Hiking / Backpacking

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email sbpole@cableone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip.

### All Trips Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra appropriate protective clothing - no cotton. Hat and gloves or mittens.
4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, personal medications, as needed during the day.
5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
6. Map & Compass
7. Sunglasses
8. Lightweight shelter/space blanket.
9. Appropriate equipment- depending on activity or terrain.
10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
11. Mat to sit on
12. Other personal items of interest

### June 12, 2010, Day Hike / Big Southern Butte

Approximately 6-7 miles round-trip hike up a gravel access road. The road is fairly steep and the climb gains about 1500+ feet (depending on the starting point. Views from the top are of the surrounding Snake River plain and Craters of the Moon to the west. If you have a helicopter, there is a landing pad at the top near a lookout tower - you will also make a lot of new best friends. Contact Sam Pole at 523-4970 prior to the trip. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for quick changing weather and wind. Meet at the west side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center at 8 a.m.

### June 19, 2010, Day Hike / Hell's Half Acre

Approximately 11 miles round-trip across a lava flow. The goal is the vent seen on the southern horizon. Footing can be difficult due to the roughness of the lava surface and there is a fair amount of up and down, so use good hiking shoes that can take some abuse. Be forewarned, this trail is not recommended for doggie feet. Contact Sam Pole at 523-4970 prior to the trip. Bring water, a snack, and clothing for weather changes. Meet at the west side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center at 8:30 a.m.

## Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

[http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac\\_climbing](http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac_climbing) or,

via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: [iac\\_climbing-request@macrobotics.com](mailto:iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com)

### 2010 Wednesday Night Climbing Schedule:

June 2 Ririe  
June 9 Blackfoot  
June 16 Pocatello  
June 23 Heise  
June 30 Paramount  
July 7 Pocatello  
July 14 Heise  
July 21 Blackfoot  
July 28 Pocatello  
Aug. 4 Paramount  
Aug. 11 Heise  
Aug. 18 Pocatello  
Aug. 25 Paramount  
Sep. 1 Blackfoot

On Wednesday night I (Kevin Coble, and anyone who wants to help) will head out early to set ropes at the specified location at about 4:30 p.m.

The rest of the group usually leaves at 5:45 from the north side McDonalds parking lot (if climbing at Ririe, Heise, or Paramount), or the climbing gym (if climbing at Blackfoot or Pocatello). If anyone can't make the meeting times and needs directions to get to the climbing location on their own, give me a call and I'll be happy to provide them.

(Tentative) July 3rd-4th - Mt. Shasta - Avalanche Gulch Route. Mt. Shasta is a 14162 footer on the border between California and Oregon. The Avalanche Gulch route is the easiest route up the mountain, but still requires 2 days for most, because of an almost 8000 ft. elevation gain from the parking lot. Snow climbing experience required. Possibility of sport climbing in California afterwards (Yosemite, Tuolumne meadows, etc.)

### Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

## Bicycling

For spring bicycling information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 208.522.8135 or by email: [bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org)

Please check the IAC website for a calendar of organized rides and races throughout the northwest, including links to the websites to register or download applications. Check with Jeff to coordinate ride sharing in case he or other club members are planning to attend any or all of the events.

### Benefit for the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho:

August 21 - HeArt of Idaho Century Ride, Idaho Falls, ID, 25, 62, and 100 mile options. Entry fees are \$40.00 and \$65.00 that will cover entry, t-shirts, fully stocked rest stops, and post ride BBQ. \$5 early bird discounts. Route is flat to rolling, easy to moderate difficulty. Miyai Griggs, 208-529-6666 [mabe@theartmuseum.org](mailto:mabe@theartmuseum.org), [www.theartmuseum.com](http://www.theartmuseum.com)

### Rafting

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members only) contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or [rafting@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:rafting@idahoalpineclub.org).

For trip information contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description. You MUST be an IAC member to participate in IAC raft trips or to check out club equipment.

### Gear Available:

Rafts can be checked out by those who have demonstrated ability to handle a boat on the type of water to be run. Life jackets are included with each boat. Boats must be returned dry and clean. Damage to boat must be repaired and if extensive, paid for. Checkout fees are for days on the water. All fees go to the rafting fund to buy new equipment:

- 16-ft Ryken self-bailer - \$60/day
- 15-ft Aire self-bailer - \$60/day
- 13.5-ft Maravia self-bailer - \$60/day
- 14-ft Ryken conventional floor - \$20/day
- 14-ft Udisco conventional floor - \$20/day
- 2 - Inflatable kayaks - \$20/day each

### May 29-31: Rafting/Main Salmon Memorial Day Weekend

– The annual trek to Shoup will be repeated this year for 2-3 days of day trips, rafting from the Spring Creek boat ramp down to the new ramp below Panther Creek. Depending on the participants preferences, we will do two runs of the ~12 mile stretch each day and have a potluck in the evening, Saturday and Sunday. We will camp at the Spring Creek Campground on the Salmon about a mile above Shoup. Those interested can go soak well-worked paddling muscles in the hot spring up Panther Creek. Those who participate must help in getting gear to Spring Creek and back, help set up and take down the rafts, and help with the shuttles. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) by May 28 if you plan to go. If you leave a message, indicate how many are coming in your group and whether they have life jackets. Wet suits are strongly recommended.

**June 5: Rafting/Fall River** Water Dependent(Class III+), 8 miles through canyon near Ashton. Day trip. Could run twice in a day if people are ambitious. May not have enough water to run this year or runoff may hit earlier, so contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) early if you are interested in running the river.

**Rafting/ Alpine Canyon Multiple trips over summer** (class II-III) 8 mile float. (Jim Lee 208 569-5573)

### Happening Hounds Pet Services

IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108  
[happeninghounds@gmail.com](mailto:happeninghounds@gmail.com)

Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area  
Services: Home visits (minimum half hour), overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

**Main Salmon (Corn Creek) TBD** - No permits were drawn. Those interested in a late August trip contact Greg Hulet to help in a call-in campaign to get a turned back permit. Greg Hulet, 523-6199

### Trip Reports

#### May 1, 2010, Day Hike / North Menan Butte:

With a weather forecast of rain by early afternoon, we were pleased to have 23 folks join us for a hike on North Menan Butte to learn a bit about the native plants that live on the butte. We examined over 35 varieties of plants, including 5 varieties of sage brush and chocolate lilies. The weather all around the butte was grim looking, but it didn't start raining until we arrived back in town at the end of the day.

#### May 15, 2010, Highway Clean-Up:

Violets blooming in the warm sunshine on Pinecreek Pass were a welcome sign of spring finally arriving. Seven of us enjoyed the warm sunshine while removing unsightly trash along our little section of HWY 31. A big thank-you for supporting the club highway clean-up goes to Sue Braastead, Laurie Retallic, Jeff Coward, Mark and Donna Whitham, and especially to Bob and Marie for hosting a scrumptious BBQ afterwards.

### 50th Anniversary IAC Logo T-Shirts Retro IAC Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IAC Logo! Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each.

The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

**East Idaho Maps:** Maps of the entire Westside Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National forest should be on the forest web site now or very soon. The Westside covers the national forest area around Pocatello and Malad. Two more detailed maps covering the Gibson & Slate Mtn area and Scout Mtn will also be posted. Another two new maps on the Alpine Club web site cover the Targhee Creek Trail area near Targhee Pass and another covers the Warm River Springs area trails.

Dates to Remember:

- June 2: IAC GENERAL MEETING  
"BEYOND THE TETONS"
- June 12: Day Hike / Big Southern Butte
- June 19: Day Hike / Hell's Half Acre
- May 29-31: Rafting/Main Salmon  
Memorial Day Weekend
- June to Sept: Rafting/ Alpine Canyon  
Multiple trips over summer
  
- June 2: Climbing / Ririe Reservoir
- June 9: Climbing / Blackfoot
- June 16: Climbing / Pocatello
- June 23: Climbing / Heise
- June 30: Climbing / Paramount
- July 7: Climbing / Pocatello
- Subscribe to find out any  
updates on the weekly  
climbing plans. See page 2 for  
information on how to  
subscribe.
  
- June 5: Rafting/Fall River

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download a free newsletter and  
application:*

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Membership Fees

	Full Year	7/1 - 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 Monthly minutes  
are available on line.

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1352 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes  
bicycles)
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bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply  
522-3932 (Accessories Only)  
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
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