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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. IAC Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Jun 10: Beach's Home 416 E 700 N, Firth

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Bicycling	Ken Durstine	524-3505
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	520-3630
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, in the meeting location indicated in the program description.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

JULY Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on JUNE 5

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the **5TH** of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

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.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

"DECISION MAKING IN A RISKY ENVIRONMENT" DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 555 WEST 25TH ST

From 17th Street & Rollendet, go south to 25th Street. Turn right (west). IDW is on the left side of street. Park in the parking lot to the east of the building. Enter via front door, then follow hallway around to the right to the meeting room.

This month mountain guide Sarah Carpenter will discuss the role leadership and teamwork play in determining whether a climbing party succeeds or fails in achieving its objective. Sarah's slide-illustrated talk will draw from her varied experiences on Denali and on Kilimanjaro and in the Khumbu-Everest Base Camp region and in the Tetons to show the right and wrong way to make group decisions in an uncertain or dangerous environment.

Sarah guides for Exum Mountain Guides and Alpine Ascents International. She is also a co-owner of the American Avalanche Institute. She is an accomplished climber and has developed a sophisticated decision-making perspective based on a broad resume of climbing experience including climbing Mt. Rainier (25 times), ski mountaineering expeditions in Alaska, Chile and Argentina, a Garwhal Himalaya mountaineering traverse and a 20 day mountaineering expedition in Bolivia's Northern Cordillera Real. Come and enjoy Sarah's anecdotes of real-life climbing scenarios and learn how to manage group dynamics so as to ensure a safe and successful trip for everyone.

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

President Speaks

Here's hoping most of you have squeezed in sufficient winter activities this season. With such a short winter, spring hiking will start much earlier than usual. I missed most of my winter sports this year, (shoulder surgery) so I'm anxious to get out there. For best outdoor adventures, make sure you have the 10 essentials (Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills): plenty of water, food, layers of clothes, rain gear, hat, gloves, first aid kit, head-lamp, sunglasses, shelter blanket, necessary equipment (binoculars, camera, etc.), bear spray, and as I learned last year at Caribou Mountain bug repellent. Also, make sure the bear spray is not outdated, in a holster at your hip, and you know how to use it. It is a good idea to practice pulling the canister from the holster. Do not test spray it. At most the canister is good for 8-10 seconds and you don't want to waste the spray. Watch for the Idaho Fish and Game Bear Education Trailer at various locations this summer and test spray an inert canister. Or check at Sportsmans Warehouse or Cabelas to see if they have inert canisters you can test fire. Of course, avoiding bears in the first place is the best idea, and making noise helps keep them at bay. I'm definitely good at making noise, always flapping my jaws.

A good back pack filled with the essentials will allow all outdoor enthusiasts to thoroughly enjoy Mother Nature. You will have the most fun and safe experiences. As I said, I'm anxious to get back out there and push myself a little farther this year. Hope to see you all at the upcoming IAC outings.
Susan McKinley, Secretary

**Participation on Club Activities
Common Adventures / Trips:**

With the exception of rafting trips, or activities which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members: non-members may attend a maximum of ONE club trip or activity, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants must be members in good standing to go on rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members only, or needing rafting rentals. 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.

Additionally, be sure to ask the trip leader if your dog is welcome on a trip. Some locations prohibit our best friend or require they be leashed.

The following list of items is a general list that applies to many activities. If you are not sure if there is a specific item that is needed on a trip, be sure to ask the trip leader when signing up for the trip:

All Trips Bring Your Own (aka The 10 Essentials +):

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, bug repellent, 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.
- + . Mat to sit on
+ . Other personal items of interest (Bear Spray etc.)

Climbing

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

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo.cgi/iac_climbing or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com.

YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

OR FOR CURRENT HOURS AND RATES:

WWW.IFYMCA.ORG/PROGRAMS/YMCA-CLIMBING-GYM/
Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off daily rates or 10 punch card.

2015 Wednesday night climbing schedule:

May 27 th	Blackfoot
June 3 rd	Pointless
June 10 th	Pocatello

June 17 th	Paramount
June 24 th	Blackfoot
July 1 st	Pointless
July 8 th	Pocatello
July 15 th	Paramount
July 22 nd	Blackfoot
July 29 th	Pointless
Aug 5 th	Pocatello
Aug 12 th	Paramount
Aug 19 th	Blackfoot
Aug 26 th	Pointless
Sep 2 nd	Pocatello

Dates may change in order to attend the club picnic (probably on the 5th of August), and weather (when rain or lightning present) Location may change due to weather (too hot to climb at Pointless or Blackfoot)

On Wednesday night I (Kevin Coble, and anyone who wants to help) will head out of town 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.

Climbing outdoors will continue through September if weather allows.

Non-technical Hiking / Mountaineering

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: 520-3630, or email sbpole@cablone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, 24 hours prior to any trip.

Hiking and non-technical mountaineering is serious business...even "small" mountains. Inclement weather, exposure, traveling on snow can change an "easy" trip to a "difficult" trip in a matter of minutes. These alpine trips are not guided. These are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip has a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. Participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations. The IAC has no mountaineering gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring water (few hikes or climbs have access to water); food, clothing, and appropriate mountaineering gear (and be knowledgeable and experienced in its use). Trip lengths are indicated for an approximate round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to mountaineering or new to the area. Trips may be cancelled at the last minute due to weather or conditions outside of the leader's control.

REMINDER: As a precaution, any time we hike east of I-15 and north of the Snake River/Palisades Lake, bear spray is necessary.

June 6 Day Hike / Dubois and Red Road area: Let's do something a little different this time out. We will visit the USDA Sheep Experiment Station north of Dubois to hear and see what they do there. Then we will tour the Clark County lava tube converted bomb shelter capable of housing all of Clark County. Thence we will visit Butte Crater and Pine Buttes off of the Red Road south of Kilgore. Please contact Sam Pole at 520-3630 prior to the trip. Depart from the west-side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center at 8 am.

June 27 Day Hike / Saddle Mountain: east of Howe. Saddle Mountain is the prominent peak at the end of the Lemhi Range just east of Howe, Id. The hike is moderate to difficult due to the gain of approximately 3000 feet in 4 miles. The ascent is up a south-southwest trending ridge to a double peak forming a "saddle". Please contact Sam Pole at 520-3630 prior to the hike. Depart from the west-side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center at 7:30 am.

July 11-Hike & Climb/Tweedy Mountain in Montana: This mountain is 11,154' high, and is the highest point in the Pioneer Mountains. Tweedy has an impressive isolation of 75 miles, making it one of the highest mountains in western Montana. This will be a Class 1 and 2 climb, 10 miles round trip with 3,800' of elevation gain. The first half of the hike will be on a trail, then we will leave the trail and go up the NE Ramp. Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail at john.hamann@us.af.mil. The summitpost link is:

<http://www.summitpost.org/tweedy-mountain/220408>

July 12-Hike & Climb/Table Mountain (NOTE: This is in Montana): I'm planning to go to southwest Montana to climb Table Mountain. This mountain at 10,223', is the highpoint of the Highland Mountains. This will be Class 1 and 2 hike, 7 miles round trip with 3,500' of gain. The summitpost link is: <http://www.summitpost.org/table-mountain-highland-mountains/816267>. E-mail me at john.hamann@us.af.mil or call 575-437-6303 if you're interested in going.

July Date TBD Backpack and Climb/Big Horn Crag-Mount McGuire: This mountain is 10,082' high, and is the highest point in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. This will be a Class 2 climb, 22 miles round trip with 5,600' of total elevation gain. The trip will be a 2-day overnight backpack. We'll camp one night at Birdbill Lake. Most of the hike will be on a trail. We will follow the GPS route posted by Ken Jones on peakbagger.com. The trailhead is at Crag Campground. Since this is a remote area, we should have a minimum group size of four people. Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail at john.hamann@us.af.mil. *If you're interested in going, contact me by June 1.* The link is below:

<http://www.peakbagger.com/climber/ascent.aspx?aid=274192>

Editors Note: Take Deet, Lots of Deet! And a mosquito net. The mosquitoes are horrendous this time of year in the Crag. We spent a week wearing our rain gear because we didn't take enough Deet.

Bicycling

The IAC bike rides are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip will have a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. However participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations. The IAC has no biking gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring their own water; food, clothing, and appropriate bike maintenance gear (and to be knowledgeable and experienced in its use).

Trip lengths are indicated for a round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to biking or new to the area. Trips may be cancelled or rescheduled at the last minute due to weather or conditions outside of the leader's control. For last minute Rides, please be sure to watch the club FaceBook page for late in the week ride notices, depending on the weather forecasts.

June 14 (Sunday)-Mtn Bike Ride/ West Yellowstone to Warm River: Mountain bike ride on the old railroad grade. 54 miles, mostly flat or downhill. Car shuttle required - ride is one way. Options available depending on who wants to go. Contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or jdc1100@srv.net for more information or to sign up.

For Sale: Bontrager Racelight Wheelset, used, 700C, clincher rims, flat-bladed spokes, 9 cog Shimano cassette. Comes with tires-\$115.00. Bob Tyler, 787-2601

Highway Clean-Up June 13

It is that time of year to contribute to the community and have a great time with friends while helping to clean up our little 2 mile section of Highway 31. The section is located between milemarker 6 & 8 near the old Pine Basin Ski area. Benefits include getting out in the fresh air, exercise, the feeling of pride in your efforts every time you drive thru that section of highway. Matching bright orange safety vests and trash sacks are provided. Work gloves are required. Leather boots & safety glasses recommended. For more information on time and place to meet, plus to sign up for this fun event, call the Whithams at 520.1728 by June 8.

Rafting

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members only) contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or 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 rent IAC gear.

Club 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 30 / Rafting - Fall River: Eight miles of class 3+-4 water. One or two runs depending on the group's preferences. Contact Greg Hulet several days in advance to make sure enough will be coming to have the trip happen. At least two boats are needed. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199)

August 22 / Rafting - Alpine Canyon: Eight miles of class 3+ water. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199)

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo! Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. A women's style short sleeve shirt is available for \$20 on a prepaid special order basis. It is fitted with shorter sleeves in a wicking material.

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



We now have 3.5" X 2.45" vinyl IAC stickers available. Renewing members will receive 1 per single or 2 per family upon renewal. Additional stickers are 50 cents each.

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Dates to Remember:

- Jun 3: IAC MEETING: "DECISION MAKING IN A RISKY ENVIRONMENT"
 - May 23: Day Hike / Salamander Lake
 - May 30: Rafting / Fall River
 - Jun 6: Day Hike /Dubois/Red Road Area
 - Jun 6: Hike & Climb/Saddle Mtn
 - Jun 13: Highway Clean-up
 - Jun 14: Mtn Bike Ride/West to Warm River
 - Jul 11: Hike & Climb/Tweedy Mtn, Montana
 - Jul 12: Hike & Climb/Table Mtn, Montana
 - Jul (?): Date TBD Backpack and Climb/Big Horn Crags-Mount McGuire
 - Aug 22: Rafting / Alpine Canyon
- Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly climbing schedule. See page 2 for information on how to subscribe.

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Find us on Facebook. Last minute trips can be posted on the wall. Additionally, photos from club trips you have gone on can be easily posted on the wall singly or as an album if you took a lot of photos.

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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	Part Year 7/1 - 9/30
Individuals:	\$25	\$20
Families:	\$30	\$25

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Otherwise the normal Membership year is January 1-December 1.

Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

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Support the Merchants who Support the IAC

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679 Shoup & B (Non-Sale Items Only)
- Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341 Snake River Crossing (Excludes bicycles)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply 522-3932 (Accessories Only) 450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- The Preparedness Store & Bosch Kitchen Center 120 Northgate Mile Idaho Falls, ID 524-8300
10% off backpacking, dehydrated & freeze-dried foods 10% off any outdoor accessories
- YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610 755 South Capital Avenue
- Lynna and Leland Howard offer a 10% discount on their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; lynna.howard@mac.com leland@wildernessbooks.com
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books.
- <http://www.tetonhikingtrails.com> offers detailed hiking information for Grand Teton National Park & has a link to IAC's website.