

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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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

### After July 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](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Climbing Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina

8 PM Wednesday, March 1st, 2000

Idaho Falls Public Library - Large Meeting Room

Local orthopedist Stan Griffiths, M.D., will provide us with a slide show documenting his January, 1999 attempt to climb Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere at 22,900 feet. Dr. Griffiths grew up in Shelly and was accompanied on the expedition by two friends from Idaho Falls and two friends from Bountiful, Utah. Come hear his exciting account of their climb and the problems they encountered.

## President Speaks

This spring and summer promise to be an eventful time for those participating. The coordinators are attempting to coordinate their spring and summer schedules with each other this year, so there will be an activity on the calendar just about every weekend. Of course activities that require permits that are issued on a drawing type basis may end up on the same dates as other activities. If you would like to lead a trip, notify the appropriate coordinator to schedule it and to obtain the Common Adventure Release form. The rafting, canoeing, and kayaking coordinators would all love to have some more trip leaders and more participation this year.

The Trail Maintenance coordinator position is now open. After filling the position and accomplishing many projects over the years, Paul and Norm are a little "burned out". Trail maintenance is part of the IAC's desire to promote the principles of conservation including resource preservation. Please call me if you are interested in the position. More information on the position is located elsewhere in this bulletin.

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The Lost Trail Hot Springs trip was excellent this year. Twelve and a quarter of us enjoyed groomed trails, backcountry powder, picture perfect weather, evening soaks, excellent food, intense domino games, great deals at the Patagonia Outlet, and fantastic company over Presidents Day weekend.

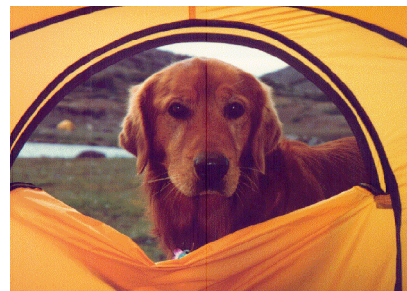
In March we will have a high altitude program from Dr. Stan Griffiths.

Again, thank-you to all those members who have already renewed their memberships for the new year and a big welcome to the new members who have recently joined the IAC. Don't miss out by letting your membership lapse.

Donna

## Sad News

Honeysuckle's Sawtooth Tucker CGC, passed away, due to cancer, on February 15, 2000 at the age of 9 years and 5 months. He loved to go backpacking and hiking with his Mom and Dad (Donna and Mark). Those who knew him knew he was always a happy boy who greeted everyone with one or more toys stuffed in his mouth. He was a soulful beggar who scammed smoked oysters and didn't learn to swim until he was 7. He was a truly sweet, wonderful dog. We will really miss him.



## Council Minutes

Minutes from February 22, 2000 Idaho Alpine Club Council meeting.

Note taker: Kathy Hellyer

Attendees: Donna Whitham, Garney Hardy, Susan Farnsworth, Kathy Hellyer

8:05pm - Meeting called to order

Read and approved last month's Council meeting minutes. Approved Susan second Kathy

8:10pm - Confirmed next Council meeting will be held 3/28/00 at the residence of Garney Hardy.

8:12pm - Treasurers Report  
 General Funds - checking \$1,334.34  
                                   savings \$4,109.01  
 (split into 3 Certificates of Deposit)  
 Rafting Funds - \$1,004.13  
 Memberships to date: 70 with current 2000 memberships

8:20pm - Old Business  
 Orienteering/Map and Compass Class is scheduled for three hour classroom and five hour in field on April 14 & 15 - Gary to decide where to hold the five hour in field.  
 Suggestions: Freeman Park or the area foothills

CPR class with the American Heart Association will be held May 20.  
 Cost is \$14.00 for the Adult CPR class and a Child CPR class will be held in conjunction for an extra fee of \$5.00. Donna will reserve either the Mall meeting room or library.

8:25pm - New Business  
 George Cole creator of the IAC website has made a suggestion to have a service answer the IAC e-mails or a Council member login to respond to the club e-mails. We need to

include him in a meeting to discuss this procedure.

Donna will contact George to draft a list of things he needs help with.

8:30pm - Discussed sending reminders for membership renewals.

8:35pm - March refreshment volunteer is Susan Farnsworth. April Council meeting place decided: Susan Farnsworth residence

8:40pm- Meeting Adjourned

## Trail Maintenance Coordinator

Two of the Trail Maintenance Coordinator Positions are now open. Trail maintenance is part of the IAC's desire to promote the principles of conservation including resource preservation. Trail maintenance projects can even benefit the climbing community as we have seen at places like Smith Rock and the City of Rocks. Volunteers put those trails in. Promoting National Trails Day, the adopt-a-trail program, coordinating some of the trail maintenance on the Lava Trail, and coordinating with the Forest Service for the IAC matching contribution to the Trail Grants program are the main duties of the position. Paul and Norm are willing to help the new coordinator(s), but would like to be workers now. Norm even comes complete with chainsaw and proper PPE to help cut down or cut up anything needing cutting. Please call Donna if you are interested in the position, 524.6119.

## Map and Compass Workshop April 14th & 15th

Have you ever wanted to travel cross country, hike up to the top of the knoll above camp, or take a short cut and weren't sure if you or your hiking partner was reading the map correctly? Or have you ever been out on a trail that was supposed to be going down a

gully but is going straight up instead? Have you ever ended up at the wrong lake when

you took what you thought looked like a short cut? Or have you ever realized you were probably lost and had a hard time figuring out where the heck you were on the map you brought along (much less admitting the situation)? We have all ended up in one or another of those situations at one time or another. Well, here is your chance to find out another use for your compass other than being a handy mirror to see how your hair or beard looks on day 3 of a 9 day trip.

Mark your calendars for this beginner level workshop. Even if you have a GPS, you need to know how to read a map and use a compass with the GPS. Besides, what if your batteries go dead? Gary Vecellio is going to show us how to use those compasses and maps we lug around, in a classroom session in Idaho Falls on Friday night the 14<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will go out in the field with him to practice what we learned on Friday night. Compasses with adjustable declination and a topo map to be named by Gary will be required. Of course, proper footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather will be needed in the field. The cost will be based on how many people sign up but will be minimal. Call Mark or Donna to sign up. 524.6119.

## **Cross Country Ski Trips 1999-2000**

### **Huckleberry Hot Springs ~ Mar 18-19**

North of Jackson, Wyoming near Flagg Ranch. An easy 2-miles of skiing over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on to Polecat hot springs to soak and camp there. The terrain is also great snowshoeing terrain. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club.  
NOTE: THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT WINTER

CAMPOUT TRIP! Trip Coordinators, Mark & Donna Whitham, 524-6119.  
Sign up by Mar 10.

### **Meadow Lake ~ April 8**

This day trip to a high mountain lake in the Lemhis mountains is not recommended for beginners. It is located 110 miles northwest of Idaho Falls in the Salmon River National Forest near the old Gilmore townsite. The trail is 11 miles round trip with a 2000 foot elevation gain to the Meadow Lake Campground. Bring towels, tevas, and hiking boots in case it is necessary to ski to the hot springs at Gold Bug instead. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Trip Coordinators, Mark Donna Whitham, 524-6119. Sign up by March 29.

### **April 16 - Bradley and Taggart Lake (Note: Date Change!)**

Snowshoe into Bradley and Taggart Lakes over gently rolling moraine, open meadows, and winding stream drainages. The two lakes are situated at the very edge of the valley floor with the Tetons rising immediately to the west. This is a really fun trip and is great for getting in shape for the trails this summer. Round trip is around 6 miles. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119.

### **April 22 - Bike Trip in Teton Park**

This one will depend on when the Park Service starts plowing the roads but is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. See last years trip report on the website to read more about this trip. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for meeting place time and date, 524-6119.

## **Climbing/Mountaineering 2000 Schedule**

This schedule is for beginner to advanced climbers and can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the levels of the climbers taking part in each trip. The trips to City of 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.

March 25-26	Massacre Rocks (by American Falls)
April 28 - 30	Smith Rocks, Oregon
May 6th	Snow School
May 26-28	City of Rocks or Red Rocks
June 24-25	Sawtooths (Elephant Perch or Finger of Fate)
July 7-9	Mt. Jefferson, Oregon
July 28-30	Tetons: Mt. Moran (CMC, South Buttress routes)
August 25 - 27	Grand Teton or Middle Teton
Sept 15 - 18	Yosemite, Owens River Gorge, or Red Rocks
Oct 2 -3	Blodgett Canyon, Montana

There will probably be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others. Call Kurt Myers or Eric Peterson for climbing and scheduling information.

Thursday night climbs will start June 1st. These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00pm from the lot behind the old McDonalds (between Burger King & Albertons), travel to the area and climb for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released soon.

## BACKPACKING 2000

### Sawtooth Trek - September 2-9, 2000

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incredible scenery. Because of the SNRA requirements for party size, space will be limited so don't wait until the last minute to decide to go.

The preliminary schedule is to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> by taking the early ferry at Redfish across the lake, then hike to Cramer Lakes, the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Edna Lake, the 4<sup>th</sup> will be a layover for one of our infamous day hikes or hanging out to fish, tan, etc., the 5<sup>th</sup> to Imogene Lake, the 6<sup>th</sup> will be a layover to scramble up Mt. Cramer or the hanging out thing again, the 7<sup>th</sup> to Toxaway Lake, the 8<sup>th</sup> will be either at Twin Lakes or Alice Lake, and end on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pettit Lake trailhead. The scenery is incredible and every nite will be next to a lake. A SNRA trailhead pass is required for those leaving vehicles at either end of the trail or any trailhead in between. Those are available through Idaho Mt. Trading locally. The SNRA does also require that the four legged hikers be on leashes.

For more information and to sign up, call Mark or Donna Whitham 524.6119.

## IAC LOGO T-SHIRTS!!

The t-shirts are really cool! Short sleeves, crew neck, heather grey (just dark enough to not show dirt unless you wallow in the mud) Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! The logo is sooo detailed that you can even see the rope hanging from the little climber! \$12 each. Sizes Medium, Large and X-Large. These shirts are great out in the field. They dry really fast and don't get stinky like the polypro stuff does after a couple days or even a week on the Teton Crest Trail. 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.

## Have You Expired?

Did your mailing label have the word expired on it? That means your membership has expired and you will be coming off the mailing list. Don't let that happen! Renew now before you forget!

## Club Member Benefits

K & R Adventure Gear - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on hiking, climbing, and outdoor equipment. For more information the web address is [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com) and email: [knrgear@srv.net](mailto:knrgear@srv.net) or call Kurt or Rebekah locally at 208.522.5279 or toll free at 1.877.369.7407.

Canyon Whitewater Supply - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on rafting and kayaking non-sale supply and accessory items. For more information call 208.522.3932

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

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. 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.

10 % discount on (nonsale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:  
 --Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B  
 --Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station  
 --Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (nonrafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Rafting gear available at a low rental fee

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts  
 Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

## 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-- Leon Wolfram  
 Climbing harness, carabiner & figure 8-- Eric Peterson  
 Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
 Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
 Ice axes-- Leon Wolfram  
 Clinometer & compass for cave mapping----Dean K.  
 PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie 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.-9:30 p.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.]*

### ***Web site news***

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at <http://www.srv.net/~iac> 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

***Don't Forget!***

***Time to Renew Your Membership!!***