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# 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	July 1 - October 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.

## 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 [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Up Coming Programs:

April: Is Your Bike Ready for Summer?

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## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2002 @ 8 PM  
Idaho Falls Public Library - Small Meeting Room #1

The Idaho Alpine Club will be presenting an enjoyable slide program by Jeff Witt on Climbing in Europe. It includes shots from climbs in Scotland, the Dolomites, of course the Alps, and some of the most famous peaks in Europe. Jeff is a Jackson resident and lives the climbing lifestyle that some of us only dream about. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

## President Speaks

It's getting later in the season and plans are underway for springtime trips, but it IS still winter and there plenty of days left for playing in the snow. Several members recently skied from Ponds Lodge to Harriman State Park and reported that the weather was great. Hopefully mother nature will continue to smile on us the rest of the season.

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If you know of a great dayhike, snowshoe trip, XC-ski, or backpacking destination, consider sharing it with some of your friends in the IAC. Better yet, contact the appropriate coordinator and make it an announced trip. IAC members are always interested in great destinations.

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Would you like to get more involved with promoting the IAC and helping fellow outdoor enthusiasts? If so, our Trail Maintenance Coordinator position may be for you. Contact me if you would like more information or if you would like to fill the position.

Happy trails,  
Tim

## IAC Council Meeting - February 26, 2002

Invitees: Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Bob Kroupa, Michelle Fox, Kevin Coble, Jeff Coward, Leon Wolfram, Gary Vecellio, Rene Miller

Attendees: Tim Adkison, Michelle Fox, Jeff Coward, Betsy Adkison, Gary Vecellio

February note taker: Tim Adkison

Meeting started: 8:05 pm

### Treasurers report

(submitted by Treasurer in absentia)

General fund: \$ 4,100.46

Expenditures: \$ 257.48

### Old business

Boise membership separation letter response.

Discussion of need for follow-up.

Web site server update regarding "free" server space. Discussed, search to continue.

Update of trifold by Donna. New trifolds have been distributed to some area businesses.

Discussion of time frame to mail general meeting mailings. Discussed, will discuss further.

### New business

Council meeting time change feasibility. Discussed, will discuss further.

IAC membership renewals in other organizations. Will discuss further when Treasurer present.

Open discussion

Meeting adjourned at: 9:40 pm

March general meeting snacks: Tim and Betsy  
March meeting at: Michelle Fox, 716 Saturn Avenue, #4

## **April 13 - CPR Class / American Heart Association 2 Year Certification:**

Class size is limited so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for this valuable course that could save a loved ones life. Coordinators and potential trip leaders are strongly encouraged to take the course. Cost is \$20 in advance and includes the latest AHA CPR class book and certification card. Contact Mark or Donna for more information and to sign up [hiking@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:hiking@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119

## Day Trips ~ 2002

### March 16 -17 - Huckleberry Hot Springs

East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on an additional mile to Polecat Hot Springs to camp and soak there. This is also great snowshoeing terrain. This is the annual celebration of Mark's birthday too. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### March 30 - Meadow Lake

Located 110 miles north of Idaho Falls in the Lemhi Mountains. 5.5 miles of moderate difficulty with a 2000 foot elevation gain to Meadow Lake Campground. This trip is not recommended for beginners. Snowshoers are welcome. Leashed dogs are welcome. We meet in Idaho Falls to car pool to the trail head at the old town site of Gilmore. End of the day beverages and snacks. Ski Club members will need to provide their ski club member number. Bring towels and tevas in case it is necessary to ski the hot springs at Goldbug instead. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### March 31, 2002 - Bradley and Taggart Lake

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 and Donna Whitham to sign up and for meeting place, 524-6119 or [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org)

### April 14, 2002 - Big Southern Butte

Steep conditioner to get in shape with, to the top of Big Southern Butte at 7,560 feet high with it's summit 2,000 feet above the Snake River plain. The

butte is about 50 miles west of Idaho Falls. Trailhead access is through Atomic City and may need 4WD or high clearance if the road is still muddy. From Webb Springs the summit is in 1.75 miles via the non-trail route. For more information check out Jerry Painters book "Hiking and Biking Trails near Idaho Falls: Vol. II" or contact the Bureau of Land Management at the Eastern Idaho Visitor Center. Call Mark and Donna Whitham to sign up and for meeting place, 524-6119 or [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org)

## Bike Trips ~ 2002

### April 7 - Bike Trip in Yellowstone Park

The roads will be closed to motorized traffic for two weeks after park has plowed them. Idaho Mt. Trading will be running this trip so contact Mike at IMT for details 523.6679. Mike also plans to give us another short presentation of preparing your bike for the season at our April meeting.

### April 27 - 28 - Bike Trip and Overnight Camp Out in Teton Park

This is a great time to ride in the park with out having to dart the tourists. Every year the weather has been different for this breathtaking 32 mile round trip to the dam from the Bradley and Taggart Lake trail head parking lot. Afterwards, we plan to haul their camping gear in to stay overnight in the park. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or [XCski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:XCski@idahoalpineclub.org)

### Wolf watching in Yellowstone

#### May 11-12

We will meet in Yellowstone Park at the Albright visitors center in Mammoth on the 11th very early (5:30am) to drive out to the Lamar Valley and observe wolves in their natural habitat. At midday we may day-hike up to Specimen Ridge or other location. Discounted lodging can be found at the Mammoth Hotel if reservations are made prior to April 1st (<http://www.amfac.com/>). Gardiner, MT is also nearby and has several motels. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Park Street Grille in Gardiner, MT. We had a great turnout last

year and the weather was perfect. For more information call Tim Adkison, 542-0786.

## **Ponds Lodge to Harriman State Park Trip Report**

On Saturday, February 23, 2002, members of the Idaho Alpine Club and the Idaho Falls Ski Club combined forces for a joint club XC Ski trip from Ponds Lodge Park and Ski Area to Harriman State Park north of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Twenty-seven skiers met at McD's for go juice and to coordinate car pooling. The temperature was barely below freezing, but the sky was clear as we left for Island Park. Upon arrival at Harriman we determined the vehicle shuttle plans, then traveled north to the Park and Ski Area at Ponds Lodge. Skis were waxed or maxied and skiers began gliding along the Buffalo River. Those of us planning to bring up the rear, to make sure everyone arrived at Harriman safely, adjusted our radios, and finally, we also glided onto the trail. Skiing through the Brimstone trail system was wonderful this year. The Forest Service had groomed the trail early on Saturday, so the skiers at the head of the group did not have to break trail. We skied across the meadows and rolling hills of the connector trail with first a light breeze then a gradually strong cold breeze that made some of us glad for the extra layers that we had on. The cold windy conditions made for a very short lunch this year. By 2:30 o'clock all had arrived at Harriman State Park. A feeding frenzy at the Backpackmobile ended a fun day for all 27 skiers.

## **Bear Gulch Update**

Kaye Orme, Recreation Forester  
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

The park and ski signs are missing at Bear Gulch due to a rash of vandalism in that area. The signs are now so shot up with buck-shot that you can't read the sign! Similar problems also exist at Fall River Ridge. We've been in contact with Fremont County law enforcement on this issue. Both of these parking areas pose a problem with park and ski signing in

that they are dual use parking areas. It's apparent that those vehicles with snowmobile trailers are using the snowmobile trails. However, there are vehicles parked at the same area without snowmobile trailers that are still using the snowmobile trail. It's been a problem to determine which vehicles are skiing and which are not. In the past, notices were left on vehicles informing them of the park and ski sticker, when in reality, they were not skiing and they called to let us know! We are presently trying to deal with issues we have at these parking areas and appreciate your patience and support while we work things out.

Forest Service direction states that the Forest Service will not groom cross country ski trails. Our district has made an effort to take time and funding to keep up our cross country ski trail grooming as much as possible. Due to new direction from our forest recreation staff and loss of recreation personnel on the district this year, our trails probably won't see the grooming time they have seen in the past. This is unfortunate, but all we can do at this time. Our cost estimates for our trail grooming program on the forest are over \$4,000 each year, which comes out of the district budget. This cost includes gas and oil for grooming sleds, employee wages, and mileage on vehicles for 14 weeks. This doesn't include cost of grooming machines, annual maintenance nor clearing of trails.

The park and ski funding has accrued over the past 2-3 years. From my understanding, we average about \$1500 a year from the park and ski program in Island Park and Ashton including Harriman State Park. The majority of the park and ski contributions come from Harriman. So you see, the amount collected for the park and ski program no where near comes close to meeting the program needs. We've been very fortunate to have been part of the park and ski program in that it has helped with the purchase of the snowmobiles we groom the trails with. We are planning on holding our annual park and ski meeting with the Harriman folks on March 11 and will discuss program needs at that time.

We would be very interested in seeking volunteer help from interested parties for our grooming program. We could use some help with signing,

### **Bear Gulch Update - continued...**

education and clearing of trails as well as assistance with grooming on a weekly basis. Please contact Bill Davis at (208) 652-5428 if you are interested in volunteering or with any comments.

## **Club Member Benefits**

### **10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:**

- Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- Timberline Outfitters - A Street, Idaho Falls  
552-3853 [www.timberlineoutfitter.com](http://www.timberlineoutfitter.com)
- K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279  
or 877-369-7407 [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply - 450 S Yellowstone  
Idaho Falls - 522-3932
- Free Heel and Wheel, 40 Yellowstone Ave. West  
Yellowstone, Montana, 406-646-7744.

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

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

**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-- Kurt Myers  
Ice axes-- Kurt Myers  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.

Clinometer & compass for cave mapping  
--Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg 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.-9:00p.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.]*

## **IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered 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 Mark or Donna at 524.6119 to get yours sooner.

## **IAC Website**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) 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