

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 2014 Council

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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:

Mar 13: Braastad's Home 1610 Blue Camas Ct.  
Apr 10: Durstine's Home 896 Linden Dr.

## 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 |
| Rafting                            | Greg Hulet    | 523-6199 |
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| Publicity                          | Open          |          |
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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.

## **APRIL Bulletin Deadline is:**

**5 PM on MARCH 5**

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the **5<sup>TH</sup>** 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**

**'CANOEING THE OTHER SNAKE RIVER'**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**

**DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**555 WEST 25TH ST**

From 17<sup>th</sup> Street & Rollendet, go south to 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Ron Mizia will share slides of his exciting canoe trip on the Snake River of the Yukon. The Snake River offers 180 miles packed with frequent Class II rapids that present plenty of challenges for intermediate paddlers accompanied with, alas, many opportunities to take a swim. Getting to the river involves a five hour drive from Whitehorse to the little town of Mayo which serves as a jumping off point for a 135 mile floatplane trip to Duo Lakes, by which time you are 100 miles from the nearest road and only have a one mile portage remaining to reach the put in on the river.

Ron spent 14 days with six other people and a guide exploring the river as it courses through narrow canyons and majestic mountain valleys on its way to joining the Peel River which flows north into the Arctic Ocean. Wildlife sightings included grizzly bear, Dall sheep and caribou. As is so often the case, the Peel River watershed of which the Snake River is a part is currently threatened by oil and mineral development. Come and learn about this pristine area just under the Arctic Circle and experience what the "other" Snake River has to offer.

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)

## **President Speaks**

We have had a great schedule of cross country ski and snowshoe trips lined up this winter. You've heard it said we live in God's country and, indeed, we have been blessed with some wonderful winter recreational opportunities nearby. So take advantage of our beautiful winter trails and get out and ski or snowshoe this winter. Don't wait too much longer or it might be too late. All you have to do is look in your bulletin for a trip and call the activity coordinator to sign up.

If snow sports aren't your bag, you can still hook up with the climbers for some indoor climbing at Stonewalls Rock Gym, or start training for warm weather activities such as hiking and biking. Our Bicycling, Hiking, and Rafting Coordinators are already planning their spring and summer trips. This is also a good time of the year to plan your summer adventures. Camping permits for trips in the National Parks and river trips need to be applied for months in advance and the rules are different for each park or river, so check the rules now to get the permits you want.

If you haven't renewed your membership in the Idaho Alpine Club, be sure to add that to your To Do List. At the beginning of March we will be notifying the vendors who graciously offer a discount to current club members, what color this year's card is. MaDWhitham

## Participation on Club Activities Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, trips 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.

## XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) 24 hours prior to a trip, for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Inclement weather, exposure, traveling on snow can change an "easy" trip to a "difficult" trip in a matter of minutes. These 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 Snowshoeing or XC-Ski gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring the appropriate 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 Snowshoeing, XC-Skiing, or new to the area. Watch the FaceBook page and also the Climbing List for early season and back country trips, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed, or the weather too severe, the location of a trip may change or the trip may be canceled at the last minute.

## Carry or Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra Winter 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-skis or snowshoes, boots, poles, skins, shovel and avalanche transceiver depending on activity or terrain.
- 10 Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape and wax kit or glide liquid.
- 11 Mat to sit on

Other personal items of interest.

## March 29 Snowshoe or maybe...XC Ski / Cache

**Creek:** Located on the outskirts of Jackson, Cache Creek is a pretty trail through the canyon into the Gro Ventre range. The trail is part of the Jackson Hole Community Pathways system. Leashed dogs are welcome. The trail is an out and back with a maximum distance of 10.4 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 730 feet one way. We are planning on 6-8 miles RT depending on the conditions and how the puppy is doing. This trip is weather and snow condition dependent.

## AVALANCHE INTERNET SITES

North America: <http://www.avalanche.org>

Jackson Area: <http://jhalavalanche.org>

Bozeman Area: <http://www.mtavalanche.com>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

<http://americanavalancheinstitute.com/aai/Home.html>

## XC Ski Trail Conditions

### Lone Mountain Resort

[http://www.lmranch.com/lmr\\_content/winter/ski\\_cond.shtml](http://www.lmranch.com/lmr_content/winter/ski_cond.shtml)

### Bohart Ski Ranch

<http://www.bohartranchxcski.com/trail-conditions/>

### Chief Joseph Ski Trail Conditions

<http://bitterrootxcskiclub.net/trail%20reports.htm>

### West Yellowstone

<http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com/grooming-report/>

### Rick's Basin (Grand Targhee)

<http://www.grandtarghee.com/the-mountain/grooming-map.php>

### Teton Valley (Driggs, Victor, Alta)

<http://tvtap.org/nordic-grooming>

**Harriman State Park** (sign up for their Facebook page for current conditions) or call: Phone: 208-558-7368

## Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. To find out about Winter 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](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](mailto:iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com).

### YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

SUMMER HOURS (June 1-September 30):

TUESDAY 4PM - 9PM SATURDAY NOON - 9PM

WINTER HOURS (Effective October 1):

MONDAY - FRIDAY 4PM - 9PM

SATURDAY NOON - 9PM SUNDAY CLOSED

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off daily rates or 10 punch card.

## Non-technical Hiking / Mountaineering

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: 520-3630, or email [sbpole@cableone.net](mailto:sbpole@cableone.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.

**July 5 - Hike / Scott Peak:** Scott Peak is the highest peak in the Bitterroot Mountains. My plan is to meet along Highway 28 at the Nicholia Road exit at 8 AM. From there, we will carpool to the trailhead. We will use the southwest ridge route as shown in the attached link from summitpost. This route is Class 2, with 10 miles roundtrip distance and 4,000' of gain. <http://www.summitpost.org/sw-ridge-approach/166330> Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail me at [john.hamann@holloman.af.mil](mailto:john.hamann@holloman.af.mil). Please contact me by mid-June if you want to come.

**July 6 - Hike / Caribou Mountain:** Caribou Mountain is the second highest peak in SE Idaho at 9,803'. My plan is to meet at an appropriate location in Idaho Falls at 7:30 AM. From there, we will drive about 60 miles southeast to reach the mountain. I have found a route on the northwest side of the mountain that utilizes a road and a trail not shown on any maps. The entire hiking route will be mostly, if not all, on a trail or road. The round trip distance is about 4 miles, with 1,600' of gain, assuming we can drive all the way in. Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail me at [john.hamann@holloman.af.mil](mailto:john.hamann@holloman.af.mil). Please contact me by mid-June if you want to come.

The Summitpost link for Caribou is: <http://www.summitpost.org/caribou-mountain-id/658557>.

## 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.

## TRIP REPORTS

**February 1 Snowshoe / Mink Creek Trail:** While snow clouds hunkered down all around the West Fork of Mink Creek, a pocket of sunshine lit up the canyon for club members Sam and Joyce Pole, John and Sue Braastad, Karl, Colleen, and Daisy Bohan, Richard Scheerer, Alan Crockett, Abbie Zaladonis, and Mark, Donna, and Tonnerre Whitham, who participated on the Idaho Alpine Club snowshoe trip.



Dates to Remember:

Mar 5: IAC GENERAL MEETING  
"CANOEING THE OTHER  
SNAKE RIVER"

Mar 29: Snowshoe / Cache Creek

Jul 5: Hike / Scott Peak

Jul 6: Hike / Caribou Mtn.

Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly winter climbing plans. See page 3 for information on how to subscribe.

**Become a Fan**

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.

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world. -John Muir

**Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC  
Join today**

*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 |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|              | 10/1      | 7/1-12/31 |
| Individuals: | \$25      | \$20      |
| Family:      | \$30      | \$25      |

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.

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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 all of their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; [lynna.howard@mac.com](mailto:lynna.howard@mac.com) [leland@wildernessbooks.com](mailto:leland@wildernessbooks.com)
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books