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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:

**June 5th:** Josh Burnim Slide Show: Sawtooths to  
the Selkirks 900 miles

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## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

## President Speaks

Even with our recent snowfall, Spring has finally arrived. It's time to dig out those boots, bikes, and boats and get out there!

This month we have the 2nd annual wolf-watching weekend in Yellowstone which includes some dayhiking as well. With the warmer weather coming in, climbing at the local crags will be starting up. The popular "Thursday night climbs" will begin on May 30th and there's even a trip for climbing planned for National Trails Day weekend at City of Rocks, June 1st. This is an opportunity to give back to the climbing community with a little volunteer trail maintenance.

Rafting trips on the main Salmon River as well as the Fall River are also planned so be sure and check the schedule for dates and times. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be cooperative!

Happy Trails,  
Tim

## 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.

Idaho Alpine Club's NTD trail work party event is registered with the American Hiking Society online at: <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd>. The American Hiking Society is a national recreation-based conservation organization. Its members include hikers and hiking organizations such as the IAC. The group organizes National Trails Day in partnership with the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Federal Highway Administration, and Bureau of Land Management. Support is provided by the following outdoor industry leaders: Backpacker magazine, Thörlos, Vasque, Galyan's, and Tender Corporation.

National Trails Day Work Party at City of Rocks: CoR ranger, Brad, is planning the project for us. All we have to do is show up for the work party. Past projects have remodeled the Flaming Rock trailhead, built terraces at the bottom of Delay of Game, and repaired badly eroded trail tread by Breadloaves. Free camping on Friday or Saturday night for those who work. Proper PPE (personal protection equipment) will be required, i.e.; above the ankle leather boots, work gloves, and safety goggles (for smashing rock fill). Bring pulaskis, shovels, mallets if you have them. Bring your own lunch, water, and climbing gear. After the work is all done we plan to spend the rest of the weekend climbing. Saturday nite Brad will put on his Big Wall Climbing slide show for us. For more information and to sign up contact the Whithams before May 20 (so enough camping is reserved for us) at [programs@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

## Day Trips ~ 2002

## Bike Trips ~ 2002

## Weekday Social Biking

## National Trails Day ~ June 1

Barb Brown is cobbling together a "Bike 2002" e-mail list. If you'd like to be added to the list (and weren't on the "Bike 2001" list), send your e-mail address to [barbara@srv.net](mailto:barbara@srv.net). Once on the e-list, you're subject to weekly (usually) notifications of meeting place and destination for Tuesday (probably) morning rides and, occasionally, another bike-related tidbit. Rides are mostly on paved county roads. Rides in the refuges or on the desert are dirt roads (no single track). Most of us opt out on weather-challenged days.

**WARNING:** These rides are social, not even semi-hard-core, rides. They are **NOT IAC Sponsored** or formally led or supported. Generally we're back after 2 to 3 hours and only go 15-25 miles, sometimes with shorter or longer options. Everyone is responsible for their own extra tube and rudimentary tool kit (and skin kit). Real mechanics are not provided in the event of flat tires, etc. (Advice and unhelpful comments are.)

## Rafting ~ 2002

Cost per person per day on club trips \$10/day with life jacket.

### April/May

South Fork River Camping. Weather dependant, call Jim Lee 681-9057 (local cell) if interested, to schedule a weekend or email at [lees@cableone.net](mailto:lees@cableone.net)

### Rafting Continued....

### May 24-27

Annual Main Salmon, Pine Creek day section (class III). Camping at Spring Creek campground, with potluck Saturday and Sunday night. Call Greg Hulet (523-6199), or Jim Lee (681-9057) to reserve a spot, and arrange to haul equipment.

### June 15

Fall River (water level dependent.) Contact Greg Hulet for more information at 523-6199.

### June 16-23

Main Salmon, Sunbeam day section (class III). Camping at O'brien campground. We also plan to float the Main Payette from Banks to Beehive Bend (class III) during this trip. There are a lot of other things to do in this area, apart from rafting, including hot springs, hiking, and lakes. Call Jim Lee (681-9057), [lees@cableone.net](mailto:lees@cableone.net)

Anyone interested in joining a group that would call in for a Middle Fork or Main Salmon permit, call Greg Hulet 523-6199. Getting the permit does not mean that you are required to lead the trip.

## Raft Rental Prices 2002

Udisco 14' \$25/day  
Ryken 14' \$30/day  
Self-bailer 14' \$45/day  
Self bailers 16' \$50/day  
Life jackets only \$3/day  
Includes paddles or oars and life jackets.

Contact Greg Hulet for more info at 523-6199

## Climbing/Mountaineering 2002

### Schedule for Beginner to Advanced Climbers

This schedule 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. Trips to Smith Rocks, Massacre Rocks, City of 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.

June 1-2	City of Rocks (trip coordinators - Mark & Donna Whitham)
July 12-14	Sawtooths (Warbonnet Peak, Elephants Perch)
Oct 18-20	Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris; Lander, WY

There will be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others (including some Boise members). Call Kurt Myers, Eric Peterson, or Ken Lamson (Boise) for climbing and scheduling information.

### **Eastern Idaho Thursday Night Climbs**

The Thursday night climbing will start on May 30th. These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00 pm from the Yellowstone McDonalds parking lot, travel to the area, and climb for 1 ½ to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released before summer. Also, Boise-area members are planning similar weekly climbing outings in their area for the summer. Contact Ken Lamson (Boise) for details.

### **Big Southern Butte Dayhike Trip Report - April 14, 2002**

Big Southern Butte at 7,560 feet high with its summit 2,000 feet above the Snake River plain. The butte is about 50 miles west of Idaho Falls. Trail head access is through Atomic City to Webb Spring, from where we planned to hike the non-trail / non-road route 1-3/4 miles to the summit. 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.

Club members Bruce Wickham, Tom Dolan, John Bisset, and Mark and Donna Whitham were optimistic leaving Idaho Falls on Sunday morning April 14. The sky was partly cloudy and the stout breeze held only a hint of chill. The forecast was for strong winds up to 40mph, partly cloudy, and possible rain. When we arrived at Webb Spring, the breeze was even stouter. We donned our packs anyway and began trekking up the ridge. Tyler Whitham also accompanied us.

The ridge is rather steep as it begins climbing up the northeast side of the butte. After about a quarter mile or so a very overgrown old CCC trail begins switch backing up to the top of the ridge. As we climbed ever higher the windblew ever harder. Once on top of the ridge we traversed - actually staggered thru the wind - over to the road which took us the remaining 3/4 mile to a lookout tower on top. All but about 200 feet of the elevation is gained in the first mile. The lookout tower provided a welcome shelter to huddle out of the wind while we ate lunch, took photos, and wondered just how hard the wind was blowing. Sadly, the old pit toilet with a view of Saddle Mt. (no door) had been replaced with a modern handicap accessible pit toilet. Finally, we decided the ominous looking bank of clouds over the Little Lost River Range was beginning to swing our way and it was time to beat a hasty retreat back the way we came. Wind battered us with small rocks and threatened to suck us right off of the road as we made our way across 3 saddles to return to the ridge. After we dropped down over the edge of the ridge onto the lee side of the butte the tremendous forces of the wind let up some. The weather was not done with us by any means. Thunder began rumbling and then lightning could be seen while hail pelted us. By the time we arrived back at the truck we were soaked, tired, and muddy, but we had made it to the top and had had a memorable hike. The next morning we found out that the wind had been blowing in excess of 60mph with up to 99mph gusts.

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**Idaho Falls Symphony Tickets available**  
May 11 - Two prime \$20 seats on aisle, 6 rows from stage, for \$10 apiece. The program includes pianist Jeff Biegel, the IF Symphony Chorale, and Stravinsky's The Firebird Suite. If interested contact the Whithams at [dwhitham@srv.net](mailto:dwhitham@srv.net) or 524.6119

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## Club Member Benefits

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

- Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- 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