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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
From July 1 - October 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 rener@srv.net

Leave No Trace Presentation

Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 8 PM, at the Idaho Falls Library

As more and more backcountry sports enthusiasts head outdoors, minimizing our impacts is crucial to protecting the natural areas that we visit and enjoy. The Idaho Alpine Club actively supports the Leave No Trace principles and encourages all of its members to follow them. The Leave No Trace guidelines are to help protect the environment and to promote a high quality outdoor experience. Wintertime camping and backcountry use present special challenges to

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practice the Leave No Trace principle. The IAC will show the short video "Soft Paths" produced by the Leave No Trace organization. Literature about the Leave No Trace principles will be available at the meeting. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

President Speaks

After receiving a note from the Grand Teton Park Service regarding the Leave No Trace principles, a program on the subject seemed appropriate. Even if everyone just changes one bad habit the environment will be a better place. The BLM office in Idaho Falls kindly loaned the IAC it's Soft Paths tape for this month's presentation. GTNP Ranger Jan gave me some suggestions about winter camping to pass on and has agreed to come over next spring to do a more indepth presentation.

Don't forget November is election month and it is time to elect council members. Five positions are open. Four 2 year positions and 1 position to fill the final year of one of the 2 year position. Gary Vecellio, Michelle Fox, Bob Kroupa, Betsy Adkison, and Tim Adkison are running for those positions. Nominations from the floor to write-in are welcome. Outgoing council members are Garney Hardy, Doug Clark, Betsy Adkison, Tim Adkison, and myself.

It is time to start renewing your memberships for the year 2002. Don't wait till the last minute and lose out on the great trips, parties, discounts (local and mail order), informative and entertaining monthly programs, excellent classes offered at a discount or free like Wilderness First Aid, CPR, or Map and Compass, and opportunities to meet other people who like to do the same outdoor activities as you.

See ya out there!!
Donna

IAC Council Minutes - October 30, 2001

Attendees were Garney Hardy, Jeff Coward, Tim and Betsy Adkison, Mark and Donna Whitham, and Kevin Coble. Meeting commenced a 8:10. Treasurer's Report:

General Funds - \$3204, Rafting Funds, \$640, Expenditures: Bulletin \$134, Report on CD's: In Dec. converting one of the CD's to a 3 month rollover. In Feb the new Treasurer will need to convert another one so CD's come due one after another on a 3 month turnover. Number of memberships to date: 152
Discussions were conducted and resulted in approval of a letter to the Boise membership suggesting they form a separate club effective January 1. There appears to be enough interest to sustain a self supporting organization in Boise. Boise members will be more than welcome to renew their membership and it is hoped that joint trips can be arranged for both clubs to participate in. The letter was signed by all council members present.
The Internet Policy was approved and will be posted on the website. No comments were received by the council regarding the policy. Next a suggestion that the bulletin be posted on the web site was considered. It was felt that the calendar, benefits, trip reports and meeting announcements were already available on the web site and posting of the club financial data was undesirable. Additionally, the Webmaster like everyone else is a volunteer and the council felt that adding another duty was unnecessary. Donna noted to the council that the Webmaster is conducting a search for a web server that is less expensive now that there is time to do so. Kevin and Jeff will provide any information they have to George to aid him in the search.

Winter Party plans were discussed. Tim will reserve the basement meeting room at St. Marks Episcopal Church for January 9.

Next Council meeting will be at the Adkisons place, 155 Chatham, at 8 PM, 11.27.2001.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Upcoming Programs:

DECEMBER - Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness. Presented by Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. This is a multi-media slide show documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act.

JANUARY - Annual Winter Party and Membership Drive

Day Trips ~ 2001

November 10 - Goldbug Hot Springs

Annual hike to Goldbug hot springs 23 miles south of Salmon. Two mile hike into the hot springs where many delightful pools and cascades await. The springs are clothing optional. Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org

December 1 - Christmas Tree Cutting Snowshoe Trip

Cross country skiers are welcome. Search out the perfect Christmas tree in Tie Canyon, which is in the Pine Creek Pass area. Forest service Christmas Tree permits required. They are available at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center on Lindsay Blvd or the Forest Service Office on the Ririe Highway. (Permits were \$5 last year). Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or XCski@idahoalpineclub.org

December 15 - Woman's Snowshoe Trip

Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Call Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119 or Xcski@idahoalpineclub.org

Backpacking ~ 2002

January 18 - February 9, 2002

Climb of Kilimanjaro (19k) in Tanzania, Africa

3 wk trip: 1 wk for travel; 1 wk for climb; 1 wk for safari; mandated park fees/guides/porters push up cost - est. total trip cost pp = \$5000; There are now 4 people committed; we are going to book our trip shortly, so if you want to go: contact Mike or Debbie Allen at 384-1545 or mjallen@micron.net

Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Update

During this summer volunteers have cleared two new cross country ski trails at Kelly Canyon.

One trail starts at the far end of Tyro Loop and continues at nominally the same contour for about a mile and ends at a great vista above the lower bridge in Hawley Gulch. The tentative name for this trail is Tyro Vista. It is possible to make this into a loop. Anyone interested in working on the return route should contact Mike Wagner, the IFSC Kelly Canyon Area Nordic Director, at 523-0438.

The other trail starts at the hut and continues at nominally the same elevation in a southeasterly direction for just short of a mile and ends up on the far end of Kelly Mountain and overlooks the Snake River. For lack of a better name we refer to it as Trail 6300, which is the elevation.

Work on completing the tel hill above the hut is continuing. We have lots of piles of brush, deadfall, etc. to burn when there is enough moisture. Hopefully, before snowfall.

Mike is in need of workers. Not all work requires a chainsaw!!! Below are some of the projects that need volunteers:

- ◆ Trail signs need to be made and posted.
- ◆ The Y-Junction toilet needs to be installed and removed. In spite of the implications, this is a clean septic job and past installers are willing to train new workers. No special tools or skills are required. A pickup or a vehicle with a trailer hitch for pulling a Bonneville County trailer is available at the Ririe Reservoir for hauling the "palace".
- ◆ A new map and brochure is needed to show the new trails. Someone with computer skills could do a fine job. Plenty of help for showing new trail locations, etc. is available.

Contact Norm Kramer at nak@srv.net or 522-8677 if you are interested in helping with any of the projects listed.

Nordic Grooming Labor Requirements

Norm called Joseph Griffin, a member of the Mile High Nordic Ski Club, Butte, Montana who volunteers at the Mount Haggin Nordic Ski area located about ten miles south of Anaconda and had a long chat about the trials and tribulations regarding grooming.

They groom most of their trails for both traditional and skate skiing using three double track snowmachines. He estimated that it takes 40 man-hours to groom 20 kilometers of trails after a 12 inch snowfall. That is; two man-hours per kilometer or about three man-hours per mile.

At Kelly Canyon we groom for traditional nordic skiers on about 5 or 6 miles of trail and we work about eight man-hours after a 12 inch snowfall and much longer for more snow.

The availability of volunteer help is the real determining factor in the quantity and quality of trails groomed. Most of us old guys are burning out. New help is needed.

Please contact Norm Kramer at nak@srv.net or 522-8677 if you are interested in helping with the trail grooming this winter.

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

- K & R Adventure Gear
522-5279 or 877-369-7407
www.knradventuregear.com

- Canyon Whitewater Supply
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls.
522-3932

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 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