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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

Up Coming Programs

December: Ice Climbing with Dean Lords
January: Annual Winter Bash and Membership Drive

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

Fifth Annual Member "Slide" Night

Wednesday, November 6, 2002, 8 PM

Idaho Falls Public Library Meeting Room 1

It is time again to share those memories of the trips we have enjoyed this past year or in the recent past with our friends. We all have had some epic trips that will be fun to share. Even if you don't have slides, be sure to bring your snapshots and scrapbooks to the meeting. This will be a great excuse to sort and organize your photos. A Kodak carousel type projector will be available with a stack loader attachment in case you don't have a slide tray. The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

President Speaks

IAC club shirts have arrived from the embroiderer just in time for the winter season. If you don't have one yet, the long-sleeve shirts (grey or white) are only \$21- and the grey short-sleeve shirts are \$12-. They make great gifts, especially for the outdoor enthusiast.

I would like to encourage IAC members to participate in the upcoming Hi-way cleanup. As good environmental stewards, it's a great way to volunteer time to the community and it has the side effect of making you feel good!

If you haven't already, be sure to check out, and add to, the restaurant review page on the club website. We have already received feedback from other hiking clubs on the East coast saying that it was a great idea. And hey, who doesn't like a good juicy cheese-burger after a week-end of Ramen noodles boiled in melted snow?!

Happy Trails,
Tim

IAC Council Meeting

No October council meeting minutes available.
Quorum not achieved.

Highway Cleanup - November 2:

It is time for fall cleanup of our section of Highway 31 between mileposts 6 and 8. Stylish orange vests and matching bags are provided. Sturdy boots and work gloves are required. A quick work plan / safety meeting will be held before we start work. This is a great opportunity to do some community service with your friends. Let's all show what a great group we are to the community, as we do our part in keeping the landscape clean. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place and time at dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

Dayhikes ~ 2002

November 3 - Goldbug Hot Springs:

Annual hike to Goldbug Hot Springs 23 miles south of Salmon. Two mile hike to where steamy hot springs and cascades await. The springs are clothing optional. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place and time at dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org

Cross Country Ski / Snowshoe Schedule for 2002 ~ 2003

November 30 - 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. The location could change depending on where the Forest Service is allowing Christmas tree cutting this year. 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). Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

November 9 - The Idaho Falls Ski Club, Running Wild, and the IAC have marked several new snowshoe trails in Kelly Canyon which were cleared of trees, most downfall, and some brush on October 13, by 6 of us led by our chainsaw master Alan Crocket. We have approximately 230 snowshoe signs donated to the IAC by Idaho Mt Trading / Atlas Snowshoes and by the former Timberline Outfitters. If you are interested in a hike (on snowshoes???) to help us put up the snowshoe signs and to clear a bit more brush from the trails while exploring the new trails contact Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119 or XCSki@idahoalpineclub.org.

December 7 - Targhee Rick's Basin XC Ski

Trip: Join us for some early season XC Skiing at Targhee's Ricks Basin. This will be snow coverage dependent. The almanac says this will be a heavy snow year. The Idaho Falls Ski Club's Targhee Instructional is this weekend too. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org - 524.6119.

December 14 - Snowshoe Chick Trip:

Women's Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

January 1 - South Fork XC-Ski Trip:

Join us on New Years day to celebrate the new year cross skiing at the South Fork Lodge Nordic Center trail system. Over 20k of the trails are groomed for skating as well as traditional diagonal stride. Trail fees were \$12 per day last year but discounts may be available depending on the size of our group or membership in the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

January 4 - Kelly Canyon Snowshoe Trip:

Join us to snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

January - 10 - 12 - Island Park / West

Yellowstone Skiing: Join us in Island Park and West Yellowstone to explore the Brimstone trails at Ponds Lodge (Park 'N' Ski permit required) and to ski at Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone (permits available at Free Heel & Wheel in West Yellowstone). Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

February 22 - Ponds to Harriman:

Northeast of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Rolling intermediate terrain. Trail is rated as advanced due to the 12+ miles. A shuttle will be needed so those that would rather ski at Ponds or Harriman could drop off the rest of the skiers and shuttle the vehicles. Depending on the amount of interest we may try this in reverse this year to avoid the afternoon winds across the meadows. Park 'N' Ski Permits will be required at either end and are available at Ponds or Harriman. End of the day beverages and feeding frenzy tailgate party. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. IFSC members will need to provide their IFSC member number. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

March 7 - 9 - Yellowstone Rendezvous

Marathon Race: Test what a winter of XC-Skiing has done for your fitness level by joining us at the races. Freestyle or Classic 50k, 25k, or 10k XC-ski races can be entered by accessing the website at www.rendezvouskitrails.com Entry fees are \$50 until January 1, 2003, then increase monthly the longer you wait to make up your mind. You get a great long sleeve t-shirt just for entering and there are 3 yummy food stations along the race course. For an additional \$10 you can attend the awards banquet (more yummy food and drawings for great prizes), in the evening after the race. If you don't want to race you can still just go up, cheer the racers on, ski on the course after the races have started, and attend the banquet for \$10. We plan to go stay in West Yellowstone, at the Stagecoach Inn 406.646.7381, on Friday and Saturday night (everyone will have to make their own lodging arrangements). Early reservations will net you a room in the older part of the inn for less than \$40 per night. Contact Mark or Donna for more information at xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

March 15 -16 - Huckleberry Hotsprings XC-Ski / Snowshoe Winter Campout:

East of Idaho Falls

near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski or snowshoe in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on the additional mile to Polecat Hotsprings to camp and soak there. This is great snowshoeing terrain. This is also the annual celebration of Mark's birthday. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org or 524.6119.

PARK 'N' SKI INFORMATION:

While we all would prefer to ski free, Park N' Ski permits have financed much of the cross-country skiing development in Idaho during the past several years. Purchasing a pass provides a funding source for ski clubs and agencies interested in maintaining and developing cross-country skiing facilities. Services offered to skiers vary from year to year depending on volunteer support, donations and revenue generated through the sale of Park N' Ski permits. Poor snow years and no support of the program often translate into low income, thus reduced services.

When you purchase a \$20 annual permit, or a 3-day temporary permit for \$7.50, the money is dedicated by law to be used exclusively for improving cross-country skiing opportunities. As such, the program has been widely supported by Nordic skiers statewide. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved. This gives skiers greater control over how and where the funds are spent.

For more information about the Park 'N' Ski program and locations or to obtain a permit, pick up a guide at one of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Island Park. Two of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls are:

- Idaho Mountain Trading 474 Shoup Ave
Idaho Falls 523.6679
- Eastern Idaho Visitor Info 505 Lindsay
Blvd Idaho Falls 523.1012

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
- Canyon Whitewater Supply
450 S Yellowstone Idaho Falls
522-3932
- Free Heel and Wheel, 40 Yellowstone Ave.
West Yellowstone, Montana,
406-646-7744.

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.

* Looking for specific information on the site? - use the IAC SITE SEARCH feature to locate pages of specific interest

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.