

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 2007 Council

President	Bob Tyler	787-2601
Vice-president	Teak Cummings	524-5136
	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Secretary	Judy Williams	523-3814
Treasurer	Ken Krivanek	528-8224

## Members-at-Large

Jerry Painter	523-9428
Sandra Pew	524-6442
Jo Ann Sherwin	528-6489

## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

11.8.2007: Sandy Pew's home, 1208 Pacific Street

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering		
	Kevin Coble	529-8142
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
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Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing		
	Whithams	520-1728
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Program	Open	787-2601

## General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 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.

## DECEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

### **5 PM on November 10**

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th 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

### "48<sup>TH</sup> Annual Membership Drive Party & Elections"

**BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007, 7:30 PM**

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**270 NORTH PLACER AVENUE (ACROSS FROM THE YMCA)**

It is that time of year again for the IAC annual membership party and to renew your membership for 2008 in the IAC. New this year is that the membership party is in November instead of January as before. This is because we want to get together before everyone is burned out from all the holiday parties and because it seems a lot of us miss out on the January meeting due to still being out of town or having guests for the holidays.

Come to meet new friends and renew acquaintances. The easiest way to renew your membership is to come to the party or, if you prefer, mail your dues to the club treasurer at PO Box 2883, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. If your address, phone number or e-mail address have changed, please be sure to include this. If you are new to the club, please complete a membership application which can be downloaded from the club website to mail. Or just come to the membership party to join and enjoy some food and drink with us.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert or appetizer to share, as well as pictures and stories of the year's activities. Drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy yourselves. The party 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), or contact Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

## **2008-2009 Idaho Alpine Club Council Nominees:**

It's time to elect new council members for two-year terms beginning in 2008. Four club members have volunteered to run for the 2008-2009 Idaho Alpine Club Council. The new nominees are : Teak Cummings, Norman Coyne, Jim McBride, and Mark Whitham. If you are a current member of the Idaho Alpine Club and would like to run for council, please contact Bob Tyler.

We will hold the election of new council members at our general meeting on November 7. The council members' whose terms are expiring at the end of this year are Teak, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew and Judy Williams.

Note: If you can not attend the meeting please forward your choices, prior to the November 7 meeting, to the Secretary or any of the council officers or mail them to P.O. Box 2883 Idaho Falls, ID 83403

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## Nominee Statement

I am Mark Whitham and have lived in Idaho Falls most of my life. I feel my previous experience and long time association with the club will be of a benefit to the club members and to the council. I was first introduced to the Idaho Alpine Club as a child accompanying my father on IAC adventures. I have previously served on the council for 3 years as a member at large. I have led many trips while serving as climbing, backpacking, and hiking coordinator over the years. Currently I am one of the cross country ski / snowshoeing coordinators. I am submitting this statement to the bulletin because I will be out of town visiting relatives the first week of November.

## President Speaks

Summer's fires have been extinguished, the golden yellow of the aspens is now a memory and frost has nipped the tomatoes in the garden. If you are one of those people who endures our summers in anticipation of our winters, this is your time of year. Hopefully, we have a few more cold winters in store before global warming pushes southern Utah's climate northwards into our neck of the woods and we have to spend Januaries mountain biking at Grand Targhee. Let's hope that Mother Nature serves us a nice cold one and I'm not referring to beer. So if you're inclined, join us on one of our ski outings this winter or, at the very least, cozy up indoors with our entertaining programs at the library to wile away the time until spring.

Bob Tyler

## XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Additional trips to be added over depending on conditions.

## November 20 - 24 Yellowstone Ski Fest Thanksgiving Weekend:

There is snow in the mountains around West Yellowstone and several members of the local community have already found skiing up on the

plateau! The event's highlights include a series of Nordic skiing clinics, the SuperTour races, the Try It and Buy It Gear Demo (the largest public gear demo of its type) and an Indoor Ski Show. For more information contact: Jamie Greene 406-646-9427

Yellowstone Ski Festival Coordinator  
West Yellowstone Chamber, PO Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, [info@yellowstoneskifestival.com](mailto:info@yellowstoneskifestival.com) or <http://www.yellowstoneskifestival.com/>

## December 2 XCSki: Ricks Basin:

Depending on conditions we will XC ski on the groomed Nordic trails at Grand Targhee Resort. There are 10 miles of groomed trails that range from beginner to advanced. Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors or children.

## December 8 Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt:

We plan to search for the perfect tree in the Big Holes. Tree hunting tag required. Tags may be obtained at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center or the Forest Service or if they have any left, at the Swan Valley Commissary. Last year the tags were \$5 for up to a 12 foot tree.

## December 29 XCSki/Fall River

Ridge: The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located 10 miles east of Ashton on the Cave Falls Road. There are 7 to 8 miles of trails in this system, that are suitable for beginners to the intermediate skier. The terrain consists of rolling hills dotted with meadows and stand of lodgepole pine and aspen trees. A parking area is at the trailhead. Depending on conditions this may turn into a snowshoe trip.

## January 5 XCSki: Brimstone:

The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located ¼ mile north of the Island Park Ranger Station near Ponds Lodge Resort. There are four large loops that are classified as beginner to intermediate. The terrain varies from gentle grades to downhill runs through tree groves. There are nine miles of trail in this area and offer views of the Island Park Reservoir, Box Canyon, and the Buffalo River.

## January 6 XCSki/Harriman State

Park: Meet at the park to Classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Day pass is \$2 plus parking fee approx. \$3.

## February 10 XCSki: Ricks Basin:

Depending on conditions we will skate or XC ski on the groomed Nordic trails at Grand Targhee Resort. There are 10 miles of groomed trails that range from beginner to advanced. Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors or children.

## February 17 XCSki/Harriman State

Park: Meet at the park to Classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Day pass is \$2 plus parking fee approx. \$3.

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## 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 \$25 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. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved.

For more information about the Park 'N' Ski 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

Please note: Ponderosa and Harriman State Parks are no longer apart of the Park N' Ski program. These parks provide Premium Nordic experiences and are subject to Premium Nordic Ski Grooming Fees.

### East Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

These and additional area maps are available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

- Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map
- Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map
- Fall River Ridge Guide Map
- Harriman State Park Guide Map

Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map  
Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map  
[www.Delorme.com](http://www.Delorme.com) kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is also available at the same web site.

### XC Ski Yellowstone National Park:

Book Yellowstone Nordic Ski Packages which do offer discounts by calling the individual reservations office at 307-344-7311 and requesting the Nordic Heaven package. This will include a welcome gift, breakfast each day of the stay, a snowcard per person (good for 10% discounts on SELECT gift shop, food, snowcoach transportation, activities, and ski shop items), 1 full day ski rental per person, unlimited ski drops per person and 1 hour hot tub rental per room (at Mammoth only). This package is good at both Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Make reservations for snowcoach transportation into Old Faithful at the same time and receive 10% off with the snowcard.

### Trail Maintenance

Contact Alan Crockett if you would like to help him on trail maintenance projects particularly in the fall getting the Kelly Canyon XC Ski and Snowshoe trails ready for winter, [abcrock.fu73573 at msn.com](mailto:abcrock.fu73573@msn.com).

### Bicycling

For fall and winter biking information and or trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email:

[bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org)

**RENEW NOW=  
HAVE FUN ALL YEAR**

### Climbing

For information on fall and winter trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen522-9354.

November 16-21 Climbing: Red Rocks near Los Vegas, Nevada. Contact Kevin for details.

### Grant Applications

Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 25, 2008:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of grants to government and private entities in Idaho for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities. Governmental entities and private organizations can apply for grant funding. All projects are reviewed by the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board for final approval.

Grant Forms are available at [www.idahoparks.org/aboutus/grants/trails.aspx](http://www.idahoparks.org/aboutus/grants/trails.aspx)

### Trail Etiquette & Safety

- Be considerate of other traffic on all trails.
- Yield to skiers on a downhill run.
- Make every effort to clear the trail if you stop or fall.
- Do not walk or snowshoe on either skier set or machine set ski tracks on marked ski trails. Note: Skiers may choose to skin up or run down a snowshoe track that is marked or may even parallel a ski trail to avoid breaking trail but that is their choice.
- Ski under control always; avoid trails that are beyond your ability.
- Register your trip at the trail sign-in locations; use trail maps and signs to plan your trip.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return before leaving town. Then stick to those plans.
- Ski with a partner, especially on the ungroomed trails and back country ski runs.
- Make it a habit to carry the 10 "E's"; extra gear, water, snacks, flashlight, a compass and or a GPS (with extra

batteries), trail or area maps, a cell phone (very poor reception if any except for on the ridge tops in most areas), and fire starting tools, even on short trips.

- Be aware that trail conditions can change greatly with changing snow, trail and weather conditions.
- Watch for and yield to trail grooming equipment.
- Keep your dogs under control (leash or in your immediate line of sight) and off of groomed tracks, and clean their refuse from the trail. Remember even other dog lovers do not care for someone else's dog showing up unsupervised, ill mannered, and leaving refuse in the trail.

### Support merchants who Support the IAC

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading  
523-6679  
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply  
522-3932  
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 1352 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 805 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC 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)
- ★ Stone Walls Rock Gym. \$1 off of Daily Rate. Call 528.8610 for information and winter hours.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

### White Sale!!!!

"All long sleeve white T-shirts are now \$14 instead of the normal \$21.

These would make a great Christmas stocking stuffer for the hiker that has everything. We have 9 of these shirts in the following sizes and will not be ordering any more white; this is your last chance"

- 2 small
- 1 large
- 6 X-large

Contact the club Treasurer to buy now.

Dates to Remember:

November 7 - Membership PARTY  
November 20 - 24 Yellowstone Ski Fest  
Thanksgiving Weekend

December 2 XCSki: Ricks Basin  
December 8 Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual  
Christmas Tree Hunt  
December 29 XCSki/Fall River Ridge

January 5 XCSki: Brimstone  
January 6 XCSki/Harriman State Park

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Now you have no excuse,  
so get out there  
and experience it!

**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:*

**Idaho Alpine Club**

**P.O. Box 2883**

**Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883**

[www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org)

**Membership Fees**

Full Year 7/1 to 10/1

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.

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

**NOTE:** Monthly minutes are available at

[www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

**IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each, while they last. When the long sleeve shirts we have are gone, they are gone. 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

**IAC Stickers**

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

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