

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 2008 Council

President	Mark Whitham	520-7232
Vice-president	Teak Cummings	524-5136
	Jeff Coward	522-8135
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Jim McBride	529-0586
Donna Whitham	520-1728
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:

November: Cummings' Home 1860 Whitney Street

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering		
	Kevin Coble	529-8142
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
Conservation	Open	787-2601
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Day Hiking	Sam Pole	523-4970
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## 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

Trip descriptions, reports, and material 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 12, 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 2009 in the IAC.

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.

New, renewed, and charter memberships will be eligible for drawings to win merchandise or gift certificates from local merchants.

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. 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 2009. We will hold the election of new council members at our general meeting on NOVEMBER 12.

Nine club members have volunteered to run for the four positions available on the 2009-2010 Idaho Alpine Club Council.

The nominees are :

Colleen Bohan, Susan McKinley, Al Jantz, Sam Pole, Marty Huebner, Gisele Draney, Kery Givens, and Jeff Coward.

The council members' whose terms are expiring at the end of this year are Jeff Coward, Ken Krivanek, Jerry Painter, and Jo Ann Sherwin.

If you are a current member of the Idaho Alpine Club and have decided you would like to run for council, please contact Mark Whitham.

Note: If you can not attend the meeting please forward your choices , prior to the NOVEMBER 12 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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## President Speaks

Here it is, fall again. We've got snow, fall color, and Indian summer all wrapped up together. This is a great time to get out and play on those last warm clear days of the year. It's also a great time for a trip south. Southern Utah and Arizona are great places to hike or mountain bike before ski season gets underway. Something else that fall brings us is elections. There are national elections, state elections and elections for Alpine Club council members. Just as it is important to get out and vote for the next president or senator you need to come to the November meeting and vote for the new council members. Remember that the meeting will be on the second Wednesday in November (11-12-08), due to scheduling problems at St. Luke's church. So have fun, stay in shape for ski season, and come out and vote for your favorite council member.

Mark Whitham

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB BYLAWS ARTICLE IX - Common Adventures (Club Trips)

Each common adventure shall be under the jurisdiction of the designated adventure coordinator. The appropriate activity coordinator shall approve the adventure coordinator. The adventure coordinator may refuse participation in a given trip to anyone.

The adventure coordinator should attempt to ensure that a person with recognized first aid or emergency care training participates in the trip.

Non-members may attend a maximum of two club adventures, except rafting which requires membership to participate, or unless otherwise specified by the appropriate adventure coordinator. Participants on an adventure must pay the established adventure fee, abide by club rules and activity

guidelines, and follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure.

## Day Hiking / Backpacking

Contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email [sbpole@cableone.net](mailto:sbpole@cableone.net) for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip.

**November 8 / Dayhike / Craters of the Moon:** This will be the last Alpine Club scheduled hike of 2008. Hike Craters of the Moon west of Arco, Idaho out to Echo Crater. Round-trip is approximately 5 miles. The terrain is mostly level. Trip leader is Sam Pole. Please contact him by telephone (523-4970) prior to the hike. Meet at the west-side Idaho Falls Wal-Mart in front of the garden area at 8 a.m.

## XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahopalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahopalpineclub.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 the winter, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed as many times as they were last year, 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.

## November 25 - 29 Yellowstone Ski Fest Thanksgiving Weekend:

Whether you are a beginning skier or an experienced racer, West Yellowstone is THE place to start your ski season! 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:

Sara Hoovler 406-599-4465

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 6 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. This year the tags are \$10 for up to a 12 foot tree. For more information and to sign up for this easy fun trip, call the Whithams at 520.1728 or 520.7232.

## December 14 XCSki or Snowshoe at 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. \$4.

### **E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps**

Black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area map brochure will be available locally and at the trailhead.

A full color version of the current map can be downloaded from the IF Ski Club's web site, [www.ifskiclub.com](http://www.ifskiclub.com).

A new feature at Kelly is the large parking lot and permanent toilet at the Y-Junction which were provided under a grant request approved and funded by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund.

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.

### **Climbing**

For information on fall and winter trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen at 522-9354. To find out about late fall and winter climbing locations or about impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

[http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac\\_climbing](http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/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)

The great thing about the e-mail list is that any club member, can plan a trip and let other club members who have subscribed to the list know about it. So speak up if you've got a trip you want to plan.

### **TWO MAXIM ROPES RECALLED**

New England Ropes, makers of Maxim climbing ropes, has announced a recall of its yellow/black and red/yellow Apogee 9.1mm ropes (sold between August 2006 and May 2008) and its blue Pinnacle 9.5mm rope (sold between February 2007 and May 2008). Climbers should immediately stop using these ropes and contact Maxim by phone to arrange a replacement; call toll-free at 1-866-617-9038. For more information on the recall, visit [www.neropes.com/maxim/recall/](http://www.neropes.com/maxim/recall/).

### **Rafting**

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members in good standing only) contact Greg Hulet at:

523-6199 or

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

For trip information contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description. You MUST be an IAC member to participate in IAC raft trips.

**Through - November or as long as the weather holds up:** Call to arrange Alpine Canyon (class II-III) float trips. One to four people welcome, additional people (15 max total) please provide boats. (Jim Lee 524-5836) Note: Saturday's are very busy. Week day afternoons or Sundays work best.

### **Trip Reports**

October 18: Highway Clean-Up  
Seven members helped clean up our short 2 mile section of Highway 31, near the old Pine Basin Ski area. The fall color in the canyon has peaked, the weather was warm and clear. Afterwards we enjoyed a hamburger fry hosted by Bob and Marie Tyler at their home in Victor.

### **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, Idaho Falls
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply  
522-3932  
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226  
1352 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341  
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

### **Big Holes Mtn. Bike Trail Maps**

New US Forest Service maps of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts have been posted on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website. To see them go to:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps.shtml> for the map index) reflecting the new summer travel plan for the Big Holes and some trail number changes elsewhere.

These changes are reflected a set of 10 maps covering all of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Twelve "specialty" trail maps have also been revised. These are hiking scale maps, 1:50,000 scale, covering popular hiking, ATV and motorcycle trail areas. One entirely new map shows the newly designated and constructed mtn biking trails in the Horseshoe Canyon area west of Driggs. These color maps are free for download and the only current maps available to the public. The trail designations are now legally enforceable.

Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER 12: IAC ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER PARTY

November 8: Dayhike / Craters of the Moon

Through November: Rafting / Alpine Canyon

December 6: Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt

December 14: Snowshoe / XCSki / Harriman State Park

Climbing: Subscribe to find out the weekly climbing location.

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:*

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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 Monthly minutes are available at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

**IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each.

The shirts and patches 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.

**Grey Sale!!!!**

All long sleeve grey silk screened IAC logo T-shirts are now \$14 instead of the normal \$21. All short sleeve grey silk screened IAC logo T-shirts are now \$10 instead of the normal \$14. These would make a great gift for the hiker that has everything. We will not be ordering any more silk screened logo T-shirts; this is your last chance. Contact the club Treasurer for size availability and to buy now.

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