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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Nov 29: Bohan's Home 748 Adell

NOTE: 2011 November/December Meeting

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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.

DECEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on NOVEMBER 5

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 5TH of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

51TH Annual Membership Party & Elections

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 2, 2011, 6:30 PM

SKYLINE ACTIVITY CENTER

near the Idaho Falls Airport and 1575 N Skyline Dr

It is that time of year again for the IAC annual membership party and to renew your membership for 2011 in the IAC.

Come to the membership party to join and enjoy some food and drink with us. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert or finger food to share, as well as pictures and stories to tell of their year's activities. There will be a digital slide projector available. Bring your pictures on a thumb drive, your camera with the USB cord for it, or your laptop with a VGA port.

Come to meet new friends and renew acquaintances.

The easiest way to renew your membership is to come to the party. If you prefer, mail your dues to the club treasurer at PO Box 2883, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. Indicate if you prefer to receive your bulletin via FaceBook or via snailmail. If you do not indicate your choice we will assume FaceBook is your choice. If your address, phone number or e-mail address have changed, please be sure to include the updated information.

NOTE: Dues have been increased as follows:

Single membership-\$25 per year & Household family-\$30 per year

If you are new to the club, please complete a membership application which can be downloaded from the club website to mail or bring with you to the meeting.

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, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org.

2012 Idaho Alpine Club Council Nominees:

It's time to elect new council members for two-year terms beginning in 2012. We will hold the election of new council members at our Membership party meeting on NOVEMBER 2. You must be a member to vote.

Five club members have volunteered to run for the four positions available on the 2012 Idaho Alpine Club Council:

Sue Braastad, Lisa Hamilton, Ken Krivanek, Mark Whitham & Donna Whitham

If you are a current member of the Idaho Alpine Club and have decided you would like to run for council, please contact one of the club officers. Note: If you can not attend the meeting please forward your choices, prior to the NOVEMBER 2 party, to the Secretary or any of the club officers or mail them to P.O. Box 2883 Idaho Falls, ID 83403:

President@IdahoAlpineClub.org VicePres@IdahoAlpineClub.org
Secretary@IdahoAlpineClub.org Treasurer@IdahoAlpineClub.org

President Speaks

As most of you must know, regional bear encounters and deaths have been in the papers and on the internet all summer. This year has seen an increase in encounters including areas not previously known for grizzly bears. A case in point is the Driggs area. There were 2-3 close sightings and at least one encounter without injuries. In the past, folks hiking and camping on the west side of the Tetons generally did not carry bear spray. That has come to an end with the spread of bears into Teton Valley Idaho and very likely into the eastern Big Holes. The same can be said for the Island Park-Harriman Park area. Thus, in my opinion, bear spray is now necessary anywhere east of Idaho Falls when on an outing. The same can be said for the Lemhi and Beaverhead Mountains north of Idaho Falls. In those areas black bears seem more prevalent at this time with grizzlies spreading ever westward. So as a precaution, I recommend all club members to carry bear spray regardless of what outdoor activity they may be doing, i.e. mountain biking, hiking, climbing, and even rafting.

Sam Pole

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips or trips limited to club members: Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting or limited to club member trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing. Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

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

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

From the Caribou-Targhee NF home page, click on Maps & Publications. This will take you to: "Motorized Vehicle Use Maps" (which don't show non-motorized trails), new official "Forest Maps" covering the whole forest (without topography), and "Other Maps". The "Other Maps" are full color printable maps with topography and are available for the Palisades, Teton Basin, Dubois and Westside ranger districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Hiking scale (1:50,000) maps of popular areas are also available. Other detailed forest and non-forest maps of popular hiking and mountain biking areas (new) are now available on the Idaho Alpine Club website under Local Maps.

XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Withams 520.1728 or, 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 the winter, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed, 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 22 - 26 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, SuperTour races, Biathlon races, the On Snow Gear Demo, an Indoor Ski Show, and a variety of presentations, clinics, and classes.

For more information contact:

<http://www.yellowstoneskifestival.com/>

December 3 Snowshoe or 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 \$10 for up to a 12 foot tree. This is a fun trip to get in the Christmas spirit, even if you don't plan to get a tree.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about winter weekly climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo.cgi/iac_climbing or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information. Hours currently are:
4-9 PM Monday - Friday & 12-9 PM Saturday
Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off of daily rates or the 10 punch card.
Please support the gym as it is an asset to the community and a valuable training source for climbing.

Climbing Product Recall Notice

Petzl America Recalls Belay Devices Due to Fall Hazard
WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: GRIGRI 2 belay device with assisted braking

Units: About 18,000 in the United States and about 2,000 in Canada

Importer: Petzl America Inc., of Clearfield, Utah

Manufacturer: Petzl SAS, of Crolles, France

Hazard: Excessive force on the handle can cause it to become stuck in the open position. When stuck open, the assisted braking function is disabled, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Seven devices worldwide, including one in the U.S., were returned after the users noticed that the handle could become stuck in the open position. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The GRIGRI 2 belay device is used by rock climbers to control the climber's safety rope during a fall or while being lowered on the rope. The first five digits of the serial numbers of devices affected by this recall range from 10326 to 11136. The serial number is engraved on the body of the product underneath and protected by the folded handle. The belay devices are 4 inches in length and 2 inches in width, and come in grey, blue, and orange colors.

Sold at: Sports and recreation stores in the U.S. and Canada from February 2011 to June 2011 for about \$95.

Manufactured in: France

Remedy: Consumers should stop use of the affected GRIGRI 2s immediately, and contact Petzl America for a replacement.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Petzl America at (800) 932-2978 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday or visit <http://www.petzl.com/us/outdoor/us/recall-replacement-grigri-2>

Trip Reports:

October 16: IAC Highway Clean-Up Ten IAC members participated in the highway clean up and a tailgate party. Unfortunately the skies became a bit too leaky for a mountain bike ride up Mike Harris canyon afterwards. We decided to head to Heise Hot Springs for a soak on the way home instead.

August 27: Teton River Float Participants enjoyed a lazy float with a minimum of paddling on a warm day with the temperature approaching 90 degrees. Fortunately, a brief rain shower came up in the afternoon to provide us with some welcome relief from the heat.

It was a popular day on the river with two different groups of inner tubers floating the river including one group from BYU-Idaho. Birds were also hanging out on the river, only some of which we identified: great blue heron, spotted sandpiper, shovelers, song sparrow, cedar waxwing, osprey, bald eagle and a probable great horned owl. Animals included a moose and a river otter. Participants were: Kirk and Susan McKinley, Garney Hardy, Paul Worth, Donna and Mark Whitham using the club's inflatable kayaks and Bob Tyler.

IAC Logo T-Shirts Retro IAC Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey, some black and some white. Dri Release material with embroidered 50th Anniversary IAC Logo! Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A women's style short sleeve shirt is available for \$20 on a prepaid special order basis. It is fitted with shorter sleeves in a wicking material.

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

The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

Hiking 101: The joys of fall hiking

Now that autumn is well in progress throughout the country, we all have several things to look forward to: family holiday gatherings and fall hiking!

When planning an autumn hike, keep these things in mind:

- ✓ Obtain schedules of local hunting seasons and always pack appropriate blaze orange garments.
- ✓ Be aware that days are getting shorter. In some areas the sun is setting close to 5 PM now, so when planning that little "shortcut," make sure the batteries in your headlamp are fresh.
- ✓ Days are also getting colder and even a little drizzle can leave you dangerously chilled. Have appropriate waterproof and insulating garments available (avoiding cotton) and try to incorporate a few more calories into your trailside snacks.
- ✓ In the colder regions, fall is a great time to see wildlife stocking up for winter hibernation. Most of these critters will be active around dawn or dusk - sitting still during these times can increase your chances of seeing some great wildlife!

Enjoy the crisp autumn air and the changing color of the leaves.

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The Idaho Coupon Nana

For all your coupon needs

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Dates to Remember:

Nov 2: IAC ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER PARTY
Bring a friend to the Annual Membership Party

Oct 29: Day Hike / Bell Mtn. Canyon Loop

Dec 3: Snowshoe XC-Ski / Christmas Tree Hunt Tie Canyon

Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly winter climbing plans. See page 2 for information on how to subscribe.

Become a Fan

Find us on Facebook. Last minute trips can be posted on the wall. Additionally, photos from club trips you have gone on can be easily posted on the wall singly or as an album if you took a lot of photos.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." - Albert Camus

**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	
	10/1	7/1-12/31
Individuals:	\$25	\$20
Family:	\$30	\$25

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 on line.

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 (Non-Sale Items Only)
- ✓ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes bicycles)
- ✓ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ✓ YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610
755 South Capital Avenue
- ✓ 3 Peaks 523-PEAK
910 E. Lincoln Rd. (Non-Sale Items Only)
- ✓ Lynna and Leland Howard offer a 10% discount on all of their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; lynna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- ✓ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

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