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## 2012 Council

President	Sam Pole	523-4970
Vice-president	Lisa Hamilton	251-4893
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## Members-at-Large

Colleen Bohan		529-0151
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Sue Braastad		881-4354
Mark Whitham		520-7232

## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. IAC Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

## Upcoming Council Meetings:

Nov 8: Pole's home	1710 Del Mar Dr.
Dec 12: McKinley's home	425 Pevero Dr.

## 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
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	523-4970
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Publicity	Open	
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## General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, normally in the Beaverhead meeting room at the Idaho Fish and Game office.

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 **5<sup>TH</sup>** 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

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership Party & Elections

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 14, 2012, 7:00 PM

PAPA TOM'S PIZZA

1830 WOODRUFF AVE

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 pizza with us. The pizza will be provided. Drinks will be available for purchase at Papa Toms.

Everyone is encouraged to bring 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 or iPad 3 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.

Dues are as follows:

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

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](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org), log onto the club website at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org).

## 2013 Idaho Alpine Club Council:

It's time to elect new council members for two-year terms beginning in 2013. We will hold the election of new council members at our Membership party meeting on NOVEMBER 14. You must be a member to vote.

Two club members have volunteered to run for the four positions available on the 2013 Idaho Alpine Club Council: Ken Durstine and Sheila Kappel. 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 14 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](mailto:President@IdahoAlpineClub.org), [VicePres@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:VicePres@IdahoAlpineClub.org), [Secretary@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Secretary@IdahoAlpineClub.org), [Treasurer@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Treasurer@IdahoAlpineClub.org)

## President Speaks

November is always an important month. Not because that is when we have our fall get-together party but because that is when club members vote for council members. Any organization, such as the Idaho Alpine Club (IAC), needs the participation of its members to last and to remain active. IAC member participation in the club's various recreational activities has been good over the past and, all indications are that it will continue. However, just participating in IAC recreational activities is not enough to have a healthy and active club. IAC needs member participation at the council level to actively continue into the future. Participation is not strenuous nor unduly time consuming, but club needs, such as the monthly meetings, summer/fall party, scheduling of recreational activities, highway cleanup, etc. must be attended to. Council service is staggered so there is opportunity for new council members to work with existing council members. Currently there are four council members eligible for replacement. We ask that non-council members consider running for those positions. Club members may contact any council member to express your interest and to get your name on the ballot at the fall party.

Sam Pole

## Participation on Club Activities

### Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members: non-members may attend a maximum of ONE club trip or activity, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants must be members in good standing to go on rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members only, or needing rafting rentals. 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.

### 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 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 20 - 24 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. To find out about Fall weekly climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips, subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting: [http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo.cgi/iac\\_climbing](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](mailto:iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com).

**YMCA Rock Climbing Gym**  
Call 528.8610 for information.  
SUMMER HOURS:  
TUESDAY 4PM - 9PM & SATURDAY NOON - 9PM  
WINTER HOURS  
(Effective October 1):  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 4PM - 9PM  
SATURDAY NOON - 9PM SUNDAY CLOSED  
Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off of daily rates or the 10 punch card.

### Avalanche Airbags Product Recall Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 30, 2012

Release #12-268 Firm's Recall Hotline: (800) 451-5127

Avalanche Airbags Recalled by Snowpulse Due to Risk of Injury

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: Snowpulse Avalanche Airbags  
Units: About 1,200 in the United States and 2,600 in Canada

Importer: Mammut Sports Group Inc., of Shelburne, Vt.

Manufacturer: Snowpulse SA, of Martigny, Switzerland

Distributor: Mountain Sports Distribution, of Golden British Columbia, Canada

Hazard: A leak in the airbag's cartridge can result in the airbag not deploying, posing a risk of death and injury in the event of an avalanche.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves Snowpulse Avalanche airbags with inflation-system 1.0 air cartridges. The airbags are used for skiing, snowmobiling and mountain climbing to help keep the user above the surface if an avalanche occurs. Model year 2008 to 2010 airbag cartridges are included in this recall. The packs are between 15 and 45 liters and have the "Snowpulse" logo printed on them. The metal cartridge is inside the pack and unscrews from the airbag. Cartridges using inflation system 1.0 gauges can be identified by the pin inside the threaded fitting on the side of the cartridge. If this gauge does not have an "A" or a "B" on the dial then it is included in the recall.

Sold by: Specialty outdoor and motorsports stores nationwide from September 2008 through April 2012 for between \$900 and \$1,200.

Manufactured in: Switzerland

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled airbags and contact Snowpulse for a replacement cartridge.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Snowpulse at (800) 451-5127 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.snowpulse.com](http://www.snowpulse.com)

### Trip Reports:

October 16: IAC Highway Clean-Up Twelve IAC members participated in the highway clean up and a scrumptious barbeque hosted by the Tylers. Ten bags of trash were filled and yay, no dead animals this time.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is October and time to start renewing memberships. Over the last 5+ years club membership numbers have been fairly consistent (Approximately 100 single/family memberships). This is a good record but the council has noted that there are some folks who participate in club activities, yet have not become members or renewed their memberships. Memberships are for one year only. They are not life memberships. If you intend to continue participating in club activities, please join or rejoin for 2013. Membership is required to participate in activities using club gear, i.e.; climbing and rafting (or water) activities or after participating in one of any other activities.

### IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo! Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. 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.

Dates to Remember:

Nov 14: IAC ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER PARTY  
Bring a friend to the Annual Membership Party

Nov 20-24: Yellowstone Ski Fest Thanksgiving Weekend

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:*

**Idaho Alpine Club  
P.O. Box 2883  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883  
[www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org)**

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.

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**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
- ★ The Preparedness Store & Bosch Kitchen Center 120 Northgate Mile Idaho Falls, ID 524-8300  
10% off backpacking, dehydrated & freeze-dried foods 10% off any outdoor accessories
- ★ YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610  
755 South Capital Avenue
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer 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)
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

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