

Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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2015 Council

President	Sue Braastad	881-4354
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Bill Beach	520-4905
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Sam Pole	520-3630
Richard Scheerer	881-6331
Mark Whitham	520-7232

Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Nov 11: Scheerer's Home	3575 Springfield Circle
Dec 3: Kappel's Home	3776 Marlene St
Jan 13: Beach's Home	416 E 700 N, Firth

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Bicycling	Ken Durstine	524-3505
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
Trail Maintenance	Bill Beach	520-4905
Publicity	Open	
Historian/Librarian	Barbara Brown	522-8977
WebMaster	George Cole	716-0024
Program	Bob Tyler	787-2601

General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, in the meeting location indicated in the program description.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

Want a reminder for upcoming club meetings and events?

Text **OUTDOORS** to 84483 to receive text alerts from the IAC. See more information later in this bulletin.

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING 55th Annual Membership Party & Elections Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18, 2015, 6:00 PM MACKENZIE RIVER PIZZA, GRILL & PUB 1490 Milligan Rd, Idaho Falls (Snake River Landing)

It is that time of year again for the IAC annual membership party and to renew your IAC membership for 2016.

Come to the membership party to join and enjoy pizza with us. The pizza will be provided. Drinks will be available for purchase at MacKenzie's.

Come 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 83403-2883. If your address, phone number or e-mail address have changed, please be sure to include the updated information.

Please note that there will not be a general meeting in December, to allow club members to enjoy the holidays with all the concerts, company parties, and family get togethers to attend. The next general meeting will be on January 6, 2016.

Dues are per Calendar Year as follows:

Single membership-\$20

Household / Family membership-\$25

Please note that the dues have been lowered. A bulletin will no longer be mailed out. Activities and meeting announcements will be posted on Face Book or the Website. Additionally, subscribers to the text alerts will be notified via their phones.

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.

2016 Idaho Alpine Club Council:

It's time to elect new council members for two-year terms beginning January 2016. We will hold the election of a slate of council members at our Membership party meeting on NOVEMBER 18. You must be a member to vote.

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 to nominate you from the floor. We need at least 5 members to volunteer to be on the 2016 IAC council, to replace and give a break to the council members whose service time is ending. Several of us have been on the council for over 10 years. None of the positions take a lot of time or are all that hard.

The club has existed for 55 years because members have made the effort to serve.

President Speaks

I hope everyone has enjoyed Idaho's Indian summer, in my opinion the best season of the year. It is obvious that we are now approaching the end of the Indian summer season. The days are getting colder and there is the threat of snow on the horizon. The outdoor activities put on by the Idaho Alpine Club do not end with the cold and snow, they only change. Now is a good time to locate your snow shoes and cross-country skis, and get them in good working order so that we can enjoy Idaho's back country when the snow becomes deep enough.

The Idaho Alpine Club does a little advertising through our website, FaceBook page, supporting vendors, and the Post Register Outdoor Calendar. However, the most effective advertising is through "word of mouth". There are people in our community that do not know that the Idaho Alpine Club even exists. It is up to you and the rest of the club members to spread the word. Invite a friend or acquaintance to accompany you to the next club meeting or club activity that you plan to participate in. ~Richard Scheerer

Participation on Club Activities Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, or activities 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.

Additionally, be sure to ask the trip leader if your dog is welcome on a trip. Some locations prohibit our best friend or require they be leashed.

The following list of items is a general list that applies to many activities. If you are not sure if there is a specific item that is needed on a trip, be sure to ask the trip leader when signing up for the trip:

All Trips Bring Your Own (aka The 10 Essentials +):

1. Water
 2. Food/snacks
 3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra appropriate protective clothing - no cotton. Puffy jackets take up little room these days. Hat and gloves or mittens.
 4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, bug repellent, personal medications, as needed during the day.
 5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
 6. Map & Compass
 7. Sunglasses
 8. Lightweight shelter/space blanket.
 9. Appropriate equipment- depending on activity or terrain.
 10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
- + . Mat to sit on
+ . Other personal items of interest (Bear Spray etc.)

XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org 24 hours prior to a trip, for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Inclement weather, exposure, traveling on snow can change an "easy" trip to a "difficult" trip in a matter of minutes. These trips are not guided. These are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip has a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. Participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations.

The IAC does not have Snowshoeing or XC-Ski gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring the appropriate gear (and be knowledgeable and experienced in its use). Trip lengths are usually indicated for an approximate round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to Snowshoeing, XC-Skiing, or new to the area.

Watch the FaceBook page or better yet sign up for the IAC Yahoo email group (page 3) to hear about early season trips, 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.

November 24 - 28 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 5 Snowshoe 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.

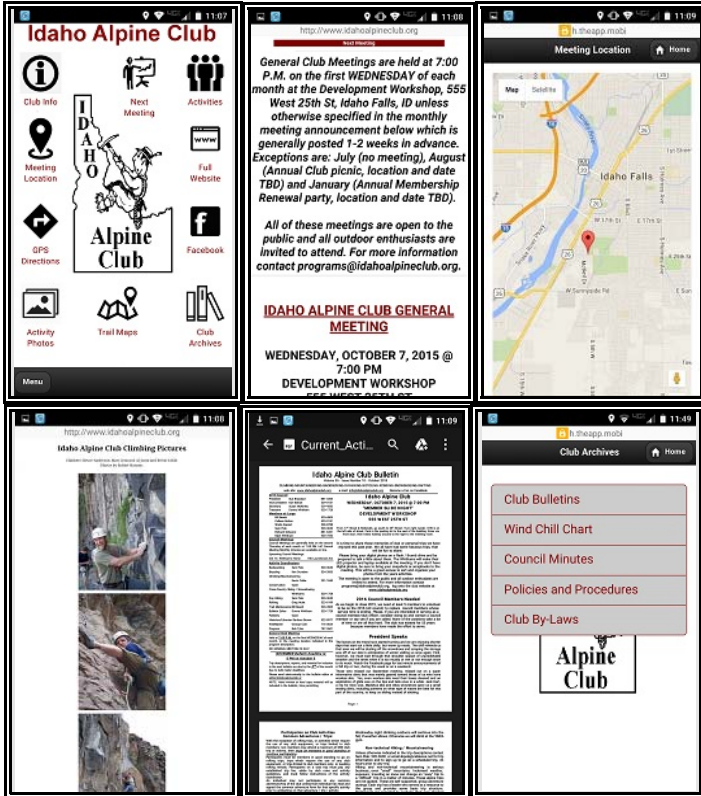
Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. To find out about 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 or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com. Climbs will continue outdoors through September if weather allows.

Idaho Alpine Club Mobile Website (for iOS, Android, Blackberry, Windows)

Some screenshots from the mobile web app



Point your device's web browser to <http://h.clubapp.mobi/idahoalpineclub> or scan the QR code on the left. Then just save this link to your home screen for mobile friendly access to the latest club news and information.

In most cases when you go to <http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org> from your smartphone browser, it will also be re-directed to this mobile homepage. Tap the "Full Website" icon to access the full club website.)

Want a reminder on your cell phone for upcoming club meetings and events?

Text OUTDOORS to 84483 to receive text alerts from the Idaho Alpine Club. Maximum four messages per month, (but probably much fewer).

(Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel alerts at any time.)

YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

OR FOR CURRENT HOURS AND RATES:

WWW.IFYMCA.ORG/PROGRAMS/YMCA-CLIMBING-GYM/

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off daily rates or 10 punch card.

IAC Email Group



Subscribe to our Yahoo Group with your Yahoo ID for the latest news of upcoming events, impromptu activities such as bike riding, hiking, snowshoeing, XC Skiing, or floating.

If you don't have a Yahoo account and don't want to set one up just send an email to idaho_alpine_club_subscribe@yahoo.com to subscribe to the group mailing list (Yahoo ID not required). You will receive an email to confirm you are you and whether you want to receive the emails all at once or as they occur. Generally all at once is a titch harder to follow, but the most recent note is at the top.

For Sale

1995 Volkswagen Eurovan Camper - \$10,000 or best offer. Call 520.1728.

We have graduated to a trailer. Hate to give up the camp mobile, but really don't have room for it on our property. Garaged, Tender Loving Care, Same owner since 2003

187,000 miles, 2.5, 5 cylinder, Audi 12v front engine, front wheel drive (excellent power and gas mileage approx 21/gal), Manual Transmission, Cruise control,

New performance tires with approximately 2k miles on them, New water pump, timing belt, alternator, New A/C, Front heater.

Full Winnebago Camper Package:

Pop-Top with bunk-bed, Lower seat converts to bed, Sleeps 3-4, Swiveling front captains chairs, Refrigerator is a new Norcold 3 way 12v/110v/propane w/high altitude kit stays lit at high elevations, Two-burner propane stove, Light Fixtures all converted to LED, Furnace in living area is a 3way thermostat controlled 12v/110v/propane, On-board propane tank, Sink/rear shower hose, 13 gallon fresh water/8 gallon grey water tanks, Kitchen/closet cabinetry, Coach battery system, Alpine Stereo system with CD player auxiliary input for an iPod.

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. After these are gone, all will be special order in the future.

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.

We now have 3.5" X 2.45" vinyl IAC stickers available. Renewing members will receive 1 per single or 2 per family upon renewal. Additional stickers will be 50 cents each.



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Dec 5: Snowshoe / Annual Christmas Tree Hunt

Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly 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.

**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	Part Year 7/1 - 9/30
Individuals:	\$25	\$15
Families:	\$20	\$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Otherwise the normal Membership year is January 1-December 1.

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
Snake River Crossing (Excludes bicycles)
- 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 their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166;
lynna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books