

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 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.

## Membership Fees

	Full Year	July 1 - October 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.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Any interested member is invited to attend.

Materials for the bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send material to the bulletin editor at [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## Up Coming Programs

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 2002 at 8 PM

Idaho Falls Public Library Meeting Room 1

**Are Your XC Ski's & Snowshoe's Ready For Snow Season 2002 - 2003?**

Our outdoor equipment performs better if we know how to take care of it properly. Idaho Mt. Trading's Michael Woodruff is going to visit the IAC with basic tips on getting our skis and snowshoes ready to go before the snow falls, how to do some rudimentary emergency trail repairs, and what we need to do next

spring when we put our winter gear away for summer storage. The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

## President Speaks

The days are getting shorter, the flora is changing colors, and the temps are getting cooler. Near perfect weather for backpacking, biking, and other activities that summer heat has been a part of. Be sure to check the IAC newsletter for listed outings and check the club website to submit your favorite post-activity eatery.

Now is also a good time to look over your winter gear (ie. skis, snowshoes, clothing) to determine any needed updates or repairs. There's nothing worse than wanting to get away for the weekend only to find that your equipment has let you down.

Happy trails,  
Tim

## Restaurant Review

The IAC website now has a page for members to submit a review of restaurants that they frequent near some of the popular hiking/camping/biking destinations. Be sure to visit the page before you head out on a trip for some good ideas on where to dine.

## IAC Council Meeting

Date: 9/17/2002

Attendees: Tim Adkison, Michelle Fox, Bob Kroupa, Jeff Coward, Kevin Coble, Betsy Adkison

Note taker: Tim Adkison

1) Meeting call to order: 7:49 pm

2) Reading of last months meeting minutes: approved

3) Treasurers report  
General fund: \$ 4,373.51

Expenditures: \$ 117.38

Members to date: 178

### 4) Old business

T-shirts: (*Tim*) Shirts remain on order. Shirts have been produced but not yet delivered.

Restaurant review: (*Tim*) Restaurant review webpage up for use on club website. Will make note in newsletter and make announcement at next general meeting.

Stickers: (*Jeff*) Will look into cost of having club stickers made.

### 5) New business

Gear inventory: (*Bob*) Tim will contact the appropriate coordinators to get a list of what gear the club has and to determine its usability/need for replacement.

### 6) Upcoming membership renewals

None

October general meeting snacks: Kevin Coble

Next council meeting, October 15, 2002, at: Michelle Fox's

Following council meeting, November 18, 2002, at: (undetermined)

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

## Dayhikes ~ 2002

**October 26 - Table Mountain (Rescheduled):** Located on the west slope of the Tetons with an absolutely awesome view of the Grand and the rest of the Tetons. This annual fall hike will go up the ridge face to Table Mountain's summit at 11,106 feet. The return trip will be down the North Fork of Teton Creek to spare the knees. If there is a lot of snow on the ridge we'll take snowshoes or hike up the North Fork of Teton Creek. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting

place and time at [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **November 3 - Goldbug Hotsprings:**

Annual hike to Goldbug Hot Springs 23 miles south of Salmon. Two mile hike to where steamy hot springs and cascades await. The springs are clothing optional. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place and time at [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org)

### **HIGHWAY CLEANUP - November 2:**

It is time for fall cleanup of our section of Highway 31 between mileposts 6 and 8. Stylish orange vests and matching bags are provided. Sturdy boots and work gloves are required. A quick work plan / safety meeting will be held before we start work. This is a great opportunity to do some community service with your friends. Let's all show what a great group we are to the community, as we do our part in keeping the landscape clean. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place and time at [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

## **Climbing ~ 2002**

**Oct 18-20**

### **Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris;Lander, WY**

Call Kurt Myers or Eric Peterson for more information.

## **Biking ~ 2002**

### **Yellowstone/Old Faithful Cycling Tour 2002**

October 5, 2002 - West Yellowstone, MT

Ride to Old Faithful (30 miles) on new and wider roads! Enjoy the geysers and thermal features, fall colors, bugling elk, participants Photo Contest. Ranger interpretative tour in the Old Faithful area. We will shuttle you and your bike back from Old Faithful, or you may shuttle in and bike back to West Yellowstone. 6:00 pm Dinner, Photos and Videos of the day. Door prizes and awards will be given. Limit of 300 riders for this event!

Registration Fee Includes: Snacks for your fanny pack, shuttle, door prizes and dinner.

Park Entrance fee can be purchased at the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce for \$10.00  
Fall 2002 Old Faithful Festival t-shirts Available  
and low fall room rates are available for this event.

For Information, Registration & Lodging questions, call West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce at (406) 646-7701  
[www.westyellowstonechamber.com](http://www.westyellowstonechamber.com)

## **Cross Country Ski / Snowshoe Schedule for 2002 ~ 2003**

### **November 30 - Christmas Tree Cutting**

**Snowshoe Trip:** Cross country skiers are welcome. Search out the perfect Christmas tree in Tie Canyon, which is in the Pine Creek Pass area. The location could change depending on where the Forest Service is allowing Christmas tree cutting this year. Forest service Christmas Tree permits required. They are available at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center on Lindsay Blvd or the Forest Service Office on the Ririe Highway. (Permits were \$5 last year). Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **December 7 - Targhee Rick's Basin XC Ski**

**Trip:** Join us for some early season XC Skiing at Targhee's Ricks Basin. This will be snow coverage dependent. The almanac says this will be a heavy snow year. The Idaho Falls Ski Club's Targhee Instructional is this weekend too. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) - 524.6119.

**December 14 - Snowshoe Chick Trip:** Women's Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Donna to sign up and

**January 1 - South Fork XC-Ski Trip:** Join us on New Years day to celebrate the new year cross skiing at the South Fork Lodge Nordic Center trail system. Over 20k of the trails are groomed for skating as well as traditional diagonal stride. Trail fees were \$12 per day last year but discounts may be available depending on the size of our group or membership in the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

**January 4 - Kelly Canyon Snowshoe Trip:** Join us to snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

**January - 10 - 12 - Island Park / West Yellowstone Skiing:** Join us in Island Park and West Yellowstone to explore the Brimstone trails at Ponds Lodge (Park 'N' Ski permit required) and to ski at Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone (permits available at Free Heel & Wheel in West Yellowstone). Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

**February 22 - Ponds to Harriman:** Northeast of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Rolling intermediate terrain. Trail is rated as advanced due to the 12+ miles. A shuttle will be needed so those that would rather ski at Ponds or Harriman could drop off the rest of the skiers and shuttle the vehicles. Depending on the amount of interest we may try this in reverse this year to avoid the afternoon winds across the meadows. Park 'N' Ski Permits will be required at either end and are available at Ponds or Harriman. End of the day beverages and feeding frenzy tailgate party. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. IFSC members will need to provide their IFSC member

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**March 7 - 9 - Yellowstone Rendezvous Marathon Race:** Test what a winter of XC-Skiing has done for your fitness level by joining us at the races. Freestyle or Classic 50k, 25k, or 10k XC-ski races can be entered by accessing the website at [www.rendezvouskitrails.com](http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com). Entry fees are \$50 until January 1, 2003, then increase monthly the longer you wait to make up your mind. You get a great long sleeve t-shirt just for entering and there are 3 yummy food stations along the race course. For an additional \$10 you can attend the awards banquet (more yummy food and drawings for great prizes), in the evening after the race. If you don't want to race you can still just go up, cheer the racers on, ski on the course after the races have started, and attend the banquet for \$10. We plan to go stay in West Yellowstone on Friday and Saturday night (everyone will have to make their own lodging arrangements). There is a possibility we will have a cabin available on Bill's Island on Saturday night for a maximum of 6 of us. Contact Mark or Donna for more information and where we will be staying at [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

**March 15 -16 - Huckleberry Hotsprings XC-Ski / Snowshoe Winter Campout:** East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski or snowshoe in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on the additional mile to Polecat Hotsprings to camp and soak there. This is great snowshoeing terrain. This is also the annual celebration of Mark's birthday. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

**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.

### **PARK 'N' SKI Continued**

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 \$20 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. As such, the program has been widely supported by Nordic skiers statewide. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved. This gives skiers greater control over how and where the funds are spent.

For more information about the Park 'N' Ski program and locations or to obtain a permit, 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

## **Club Member Benefits**

**10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:**

- Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279  
or 877-369-7407  
[www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)

Services offered to skiers vary from year to year depending on volunteer support, donations and revenue generated through

- Canyon Whitewater Supply  
450 S Yellowstone Idaho Falls  
522-3932
- Free Heel and Wheel, 40 Yellowstone Ave.  
West Yellowstone, Montana,  
406-646-7744.

**All Topo Maps on CD-ROM** - now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

**Alpine Club Rental Gear:** Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole  
Climbing helmets-- Kurt Myers  
Ice axes-- Kurt Myers  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.  
Clinometer & compass for cave mapping  
--Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet

## **Newsletter Advertising**

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25  
12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240  
Full-page ad - \$40

12 full-page ads purchased at the same time  
\$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

### **Stone Walls Rock Gym**

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-9:00p.m. Mon-Fri

1:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturdays

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays.

The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members. *[Note: these hours may be out of date-- please call to check.]*

### **IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$12 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. 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 Mark or Donna at 524.6119 to get yours sooner.

### **IAC Website**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) lately? Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site:

\* An IAC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD where you can post information, announcements, ask questions, make comments, whatever you'd like. It's like our own club newsgroup!

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even submit your own favorite links and they'll automatically be added to the list.

\* Looking for specific information on the site? - use the IAC SITE SEARCH feature to locate pages of specific interest