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Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

October: Whitham's Home	706 Laurelwood
November: McKinley's Home	425 Pervero

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
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
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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.

NOVEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on OCTOBER 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

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

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

SKIING AROUND THE WIND RIVERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

When it comes to skiing, Teton Valley resident Bob Stevenson thinks outside the box. Bob and some friends were planning a ski trip around the Wind River Mountains in March, 2007 when he and his friends decided to use skate skis instead of backcountry skis for their 150 to 200 mile journey. The key to making the trip possible with skate skis was their decision to use the Continental Divide Snowmobile Route from Togwotee Pass through Pinedale and Boulder and on to Lander. Five people, including Bob, skied the entire route which took four days while four other people joined them for parts of the route. Participants included Jackson Hole High School Nordic Coach Walt Berling and Jim Roscoe, a Wyoming state legislator for Teton, Sublette and Lincoln counties. While snowmobile and vehicle support carried food and sleeping bags for the skiers and the group stayed at private ranches at night, the trip was still not for the faint of heart. The trip required strenuous Nordic skiing of 40 plus miles a day through remote country with as much as 3,000 to 4,000 feet of elevation gain in a day and crossed the continental divide three times. Contrary to what one would expect, the group encountered only four snowmobiles during the entire trip. Come and enjoy Bob's slides of this unique and interesting adventure through Wind River country.

The meeting 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, or contact Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

President Speaks

Well the Idaho Alpine Club is officially 50 years old! The Post Register did an article on the club and, 9 founders and/or early members returned to make presentations at the club's monthly meeting in September. Thanks to Jerry Painter for the newspaper article, and thanks to all the club elders who showed slides and spoke of the club's early beginnings. Those beginnings were very interesting and, to hear the speakers, exciting. Of interest was the apparent extent of early members' participation in outdoor activities. In comparison, because of all the other interests competing for our individual and family attention, I must say that club participation does not seem to be at the levels of old. This is not a criticism, but acknowledging that in our time there is a whole host of things vying for our time and energy. To keep the club moving into its next 50 years, members do need to participate in the club's varied activities, and bring fresh ideas and suggestions for outings to club officers and council members. We also need to bring into the membership younger folks who can help lead the club in the future.

October 16: IAC Highway Clean-Up & BBQ

It is that time of year to contribute to the community and have a great time with friends while helping to clean up our short 2 mile section of Highway 31. The section is located between mile marker 6 & 8 near the old Pine Basin Ski area.

Benefits include getting out in the fresh air, exercise, the feeling of pride in your efforts every time you drive thru that section of highway. Bob and Marie have graciously offered to host a potluck (bring a salad, finger food, or dessert) at their home in Victor afterwards.

Matching bright orange safety vests and trash sacks are provided for our use. Work gloves are required. Leather boots & safety glasses recommended.

Remember the more who show up, the faster the work is done.

For more information and to sign up for this easy fun day, call the Whithams by October 14 at 520.1728 or 520.7232.

October 22-24: City of Rocks Club Camp-Out - Celebrate 50 Years with a Moon Dance

The City of Rocks National Reserve unique geologic area became a landmark in 1843 for California-bound emigrants. They left wagon ruts across the landscape and their signatures in axle grease on Register Rock, Camp Rock and many others.

A few granite pinnacles and monoliths are in excess of sixty stories tall and 2.5 billion years old. The smooth granite faces offer exceptional rock climbing. Today, over 700 climbing routes have been identified.

In addition to climbing, over 22 miles of hiking trails traverse City of Rocks National Reserve, leading to arches, windows and dramatic overlooks. Trails vary from level and easy to steep and strenuous. Maps can be acquired at the visitor center. There is also superb bird watching, bicycling, and exploring nearby Castle Rocks State Park. Weather in October can be warm in the daytime and crisp at night.

We are planning a club camp-out at the City, for IAC club members, during the full moon. The IAC will be paying for one of the group sites or several campsites together depending on the number of club members planning to go. One of the nights will be a potluck. BYOB. Bring finger foods, salads, or desserts to share. Otherwise everyone will be on their own for feeding themselves. Come out, enjoy some great climbing at the City of Rocks and/or Castle Rocks, howl at the moon, and swap some stories.

The camp-out is limited to club members who have RSVP'd with their name, the number in their party, and whether tent or RV camping by October 18 to treasurer@idahoalpineclub.org.

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting or limited to club member trips; 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.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email sbpole@cableone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip.

All Trips Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra 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- depending on activity or terrain.
10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
11. Mat to sit on
12. Other personal items of interest

October 9, 2010: Day Hike/Pine Creek Crest

The hike begins across from the parking area at Pine Creek pass (Between Swan Valley and Victor, Idaho). This an easy to moderate hike along the crest of the Big Hole Mtns. Please contact Sam Pole via telephone at 523-4970 prior to the hike. Meet at the Ammon Wal-Mart in front of the garden center at 8:30 a.m.

Bicycling

For fall bicycling information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 208.522.8135 or by email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about 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/iac_climbing

or,
via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

The weekly climbing location will be determined week to week until we are forced indoors for the winter.

On Wednesday night I (Kevin Coble, and anyone who wants to help) will head out early to set ropes at the specified location at about 4:30 p.m.

The rest of the group usually leaves at 5:45 from the north side McDonalds parking lot (if climbing at Ririe, Heise, or Paramount), or the climbing gym (if climbing at Blackfoot or Pocatello). If anyone can't make the meeting times and needs directions to get to the climbing location on their own, give me a call and I'll be happy to provide them.

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

Rafting

For information on fall rafting trips (weather dependent) renting club rafting gear (IAC club members only) contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or 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 or to check out club equipment.

Rafting Gear Available:

Rafts can be checked out by those who have demonstrated ability to handle a boat on the type of water to be run. Life jackets are included with each boat. Boats must be returned dry and clean. Damage to boat must be repaired and if extensive, paid for. Checkout fees are for days on the water. All fees go to the rafting fund to buy new equipment:

16-ft Ryken self-bailer - \$60/day

15-ft Aire self-bailer - \$60/day

13.5-ft Maravia self-bailer - \$60/day

14-ft Ryken conventional floor - \$20/day

14-ft Udisco conventional floor - \$20/day

2 - Inflatable kayaks - \$20/day each

Happening Hounds Pet Services

IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108

happeninghounds@gmail.com

Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area

Services: Home visits (minimum half hour), overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

50th Anniversary 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.

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

Most of the Palisades and Teton Ranger District color topographic maps on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest web site have been revised to reflect trail number, trail route and trail use changes. Many of the Palisades district trails have been recently GPSed and so the maps are now considerably more accurate. There are 11 maps at a scale of 1:112,500 covering both ranger districts and 13 more detailed maps (hiking scale, 1:50,000) covering popular trails. All maps are Acrobat format and can be printed at home.

Run For A Position on the IAC Council

Hurry and sign up to run for a council position. We need your fresh ideas as the club moves into its 51st year. If you are currently a member of the Idaho Alpine Club in good standing and have decided you would like to run for council, please contact one of the council members to find out what is entailed or take a look at the club bylaws on the website for more information about the council positions.

Club Discounts

Be sure to check out the merchants offering discounts to club members, to see who is now offering a discount to IAC members.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 6: IAC General Meeting / Celebrating 50 Years

Oct. 9: Day Hike / Pine Creek Crest

Oct. 16: IAC Highway Clean-Up & BBQ

Oct. 22-24: Camp-Out / City of Rocks

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

falling leaves
hide the path
so quietly

~John Bailey, "Autumn," a haiku year, 2001, as posted on oldgreypoet.com

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 - 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 on line.

Support the Merchants who Support the IAC

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- ★ Happening Hounds Pet Services
Liz Downing (208) 757-0108
happeninghounds@yahoo.com
- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679
Shoup & B (Non-Sale Items Only)
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226
1352 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes bicycles)
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ 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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