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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

Up Coming Programs

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2002, 8PM - At the Idaho Falls Public Library

Hiking in New Zealand

John Bisset will present a slide show of a trip he took in New Zealand. The show will include his week long hike on the Milford Track, his hike on the Franz Josef glacier, views of Auckland and Wellington, and Punga Trees. It should be a very informative and fun show.

President Speaks

Thanks to everyone who participated in the club's summer picnic. Especially to our hosts, Alan and Alice Crockett. A great time was had by all! I would also like to say "Welcome" to all of our new members as the club has recently enjoyed a mini-surge in memberships.

With the hottest months past us, now is a great, if not the best, time to get out and persue your favorite hiking, biking, soaking, and backpacking destinations. The leaves will be changing soon and colorful photographic opportunities will abound. Be sure to keep this in mind for the IAC member slide night this fall and for the slide show at the Christmas party.

Happy trails,

Tim

IAC History Bits

Courtesy of Bill Echo

We had been talking about forming a climbing club in the late 50's but nobody had done anything. Late in the summer of 1960 (I think) I was out to Ralph Zahn's place, WAY OUT on 17th street, about where the Teton Mall is now, to get a downdraft meter so I could balance the carbs on my Porche. We got to talking about forming a club and Ginny, his wife, said " All you guys ever do is talk. Why don't you do something". So we decided we would call a meeting and see if we could get enough interest to start something. We got together with Art and Barb Brown, Cyril and Elvira Slansky, Dean Millsap, Dave Pearson, Al Erhard, Dave and Bernice Paige, and quite a few whose names I can't remember. It was September or early October and we met in the City Council chambers in the Court House on C Street (now Constitution Way).

Everyone was enthusiastic about a club, so we arrived at a name, Idaho Alpine Club, and I was elected president. I forget who was elected secretary but it was probably Barb. We scheduled a meeting time, assessed dues, and other organizational items. We continued to meet in the City Council chambers for quite a while. I don't remember what day of the week or the time. I went down and rented a P.O. Box at the new Post Office on 4th St., 2885 seems to stick in my mind. We met once a month I think, and it seems like it was Wednesday. We did a few climbs before winter set in and we were better organized by next spring. It seems like our annual meeting was in the spring, and I think I was elected president again. I think maybe Dave Pearson was the next president.

We talked about a logo, and I finally drew up a sketch of what I thought would be appropriate and showed it to Les Grantier, a draftsman at MTR. He was actually a commercial illustrator but doing drafting at the time. He re-drew my sketch and we fine tuned it a couple of times. I found a company that could produce it and we ordered about a hundred I think, the first time.

Note: The IAC logo of the alpine style climber climbing up the side of Idaho is now 42 years old and is still with us.

Dayhikes ~ 2002

September 21

Table Mountain Located on the west slope of the Tetons with another 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. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham at 524.6119 or dayhike@dahoalpineclub.org to sign up.

Backpacking ~ 2002

September 7-8

Teton Canyon Shelf located on the west slope of the Tetons with an absolutely awesome view of the Tetons. We plan to camp somewhere between the top of Devil's Stairs and the end of the shelf depending on water availability. This is a strenuous hike for backpackers with a elevation gain of over 1000 feet in 1.1 miles. Round trip is approximately 10 miles or 18 if we make the loop through Alaska Basin. Last time we camped up there we watched a herd of big horn sheep romp on the slopes of the Wedge above us. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham at 524.6119 or backpacking@idahoalpineclub.org to sign up.

Climbing ~ 2002

Schedule for Beginner to Advanced Climbers

This schedule can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the levels of the climbers taking part in each trip. The Thursday night climbs will provide good opportunities for less advanced climbers to practice technique and learn more about rock climbing protection and placement of gear.

Oct 18-20 Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris;
Lander, WY

There will be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others (including some Boise members). Call Kurt Myers, Eric Peterson, or Ken Lamson (Boise) for climbing and scheduling information.

Spencer Peak Trip Report - August 18

Moderate weather and smoky blue skies made hiking to the top of Spencer Peak, in the Snake River Mountains, a very pleasant hike. Garney Hardy, Paul Worth, John Bisset, Ken Krivanek, and Angela joined Mark, Donna, Tyler and Heyburn Whitham early Sunday morning to drive up to Pinecreek Pass and the Rainey Creek trailhead to begin the hike. A few flowers provided late summer color, mostly Yampa, Yarrow, Monkshood, Harebells, Coneheads, and Arnica. The mosquitoes were nonexistent for a change. Views along the way and the plentiful huckleberries slowed us in our quest to the 8,142 ft. summit. The Tetons rose to the east of us and the Snake River Range surrounded us to the south and west. Clearcutting was quite evident on the slopes of the Snake River Range. A large colony of ladybugs reside on the top of the peak and we were all sure that we would relocate a few of them to Idaho Falls. Finding our way back to the vehicles was no problem, even without the well marked trail with 2 - 3 signs at every major turn in the trail, Tyler proudly marked the route all the way up and back for us. Square ice-cream at the commissary, a long soak at Heise Hot Springs, and pizza at Heise topped off an enjoyable fun day for all.

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
- 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.]*

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 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

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!