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## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

9.30.2007: Garcia's Restaurant, 2180 E 17th St.

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
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## General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 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.

## SEPTEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

### 5 PM on September 15

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 15th 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

### TREKKING TO MT EVEREST BASE CAMP

WEDNESDAY, September 5, 2007, 7:30 PM

### Idaho Falls Library

PLEASE NOTE: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING NIGHT IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AGAIN

Speaker Dave Richardson will present an exhilarating slide show about trekking for 12 days from Lukla, Nepal to Mt. Everest base camp. Dave is the immediate past president of a Phoenix area outdoor club similar to our own called the Arizona Outdoor Travel Club. His humorous presentation will describe what it's like to wake up to frozen contact lenses and he will recount how the wonderful Sherpas he met made his trip unforgettable. If you are planning a trip to Nepal in the near future, Dave will describe the pros and cons of tent camping versus staying in tea houses and tell you how to select a guide. Dave will also introduce us to Kathmandu where he spent some time waiting for weather to clear for his flight back home. Don't miss this entertaining presentation.

The meeting is open to the public. 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), or contact Bob Tyler at 523-5560

## President Speaks

The club received some very nice publicity from Channel 6/Fox TV recently when it contacted Alan Crockett to see if it could accompany him on the IAC July trail maintenance trip on Sheep Creek. The TV station interviewed Alan and showed footage of IAC members clearing the trail of vegetation. Both Channel 6 and the Fox TV station aired the segment on their newscasts. Channel 6 not only aired it on a Wednesday night but on a Sunday night as well. Way to go Alan!

If you missed the August picnic, you missed out on a lot of fun. Besides the good food, Teak Cummings made sure we had a good time by organizing frisbee golf, montana golf, horseshoes and bocci ball. We raffled off \$25 gift certificates to Mountain Trading, Canyon Whitewater Supply, Bill's Bike Shop and Stonewall's Gym. Stonewall generously increased the value of their gift certificate to a total of \$75. So if you didn't make it, bite your lip and plan on coming to our next food fest, the membership meeting in November.

You probably know by now that our former president, Michelle Benson, was seriously injured when jogging in Grand Teton National Park. She was pushing her son Shawn in a stroller when a car hit her from behind on Gros Ventre Road. She is still recovering from her injuries and we want her to know that our thoughts are with her as well as our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bob Tyler

## Climbing

For information on current trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

### 2007 Wednesday Evening Climbing Schedule:

Meeting places for the climbs: If we are heading north (Ririe, Heise, or Paramount) we will continue to meet at the McDonalds by Fred Meyer. If we are heading south (Blackfoot or Ross Park), we will meet at Stonewalls climbing gym. This means less driving and more climbing.

August 29th - Ross Park

## Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips and or to sign up to go, please be sure to contact Sam Pole in advance so he knows you plan to go on a trip. Contact him at either email: [Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org) or [sbpole@cableone.net](mailto:sbpole@cableone.net) or at 523-4970 unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

### September 6, 2007, Thursday-Hiking: Spencer Peak

Approximately 5-6 miles round trip. Hike leader Sam Pole. The hike should be fairly moderate over undulating terrain with a few short steep ascents. Spencer Peak is low at 8,142 feet, but the view is considered well worth the trip. Please call prior to the hike. We will meet at the Ammon Walmart at 7:30 a.m. at the garden end of the store parking area.

### September 22, 2007, Saturday-Hiking: Taylor Mountain

Approximately 7.5 miles round trip. Hike leader Sam Pole. This can be a strenuous hike due to the elevation gain. Peak elevation is 10,068 feet. Views from the peak are spectacular. Please call prior to the hike. We will meet at the Ammon Walmart at 7:30 a.m. at the garden end of the store parking area.

### Oct 5-14, 2007- Backpack:

#### Beartooth Mountains, Montana

We'll backpack 9 on/off trail miles (2000' gain) to our base camp on a large peninsula in Rough Lake. We'll be above 10,000' and treeline for a week in a beautiful, but stark land of many lakes, high peaks, and glaciers. We'll probably not see anyone else, but the friendly mountain goats will keep us company. We'll be dayhiking and/or climbing (scrambling) to a different location each day. We may even attempt a climb of Granite Peak (highest in Montana, 12,799') from the south (there's a little known talus chute to the top). The hikes are optional-you can do none, some or all. The view from the lake is jaw dropping, so relaxing in camp is rewarding. The daytime temps should be pleasant, but cool, with night time lows below freezing. We may experience a spectacular storm or two. It might even snow a little. No bugs.

We'll leave Boise after work on Friday, Oct 5, drive a few hours, then car camp somewhere. We'll rendezvous with eastern Idaho participants. We'll arrive at the TH by late Sat morning and backpack to our base camp. We'll backpack out (via a different route) on the following Sat and arrive back in Boise either late Sat or Early Sun, Oct 14. For more info or to sign up, contact Mike or Debbie Allen at [madallen@cableone.net](mailto:madallen@cableone.net) or 384-1545 (Boise). Limited.

## Trail Maintenance

Contact Alan Crockett if you would like to help him on trail maintenance projects particularly in the fall getting the Kelly Canyon XC Ski and Snowshoe trails ready for winter, [abcrock.fu73573@msn.com](mailto:abcrock.fu73573@msn.com).

### September 8, 2007- Trail Maintenance: Stinking Springs

The International Mountain Biking Association and the BLM are teaming up to construct a new single track trail beginning at the Stinking Springs trailhead near Heise. The trail will be open to hiking, mtn. biking and dirt bikes but not ATV's.

There will be a trail building workshop in the morning at the BLM office in Idaho Falls followed by a free lunch. Then participants will work on the trail in the afternoon and a free dinner might be provided afterwards. Shannon Bassista of the BLM needs volunteers and she can be reached at 208-524-7552 but call right away so she can make plans for the amount of food needed.

## Bicycling

For fall and winter biking information and or trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email:

[bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org)

Weather can affect events at any time of year. Most events are held regardless of weather conditions, but events can be abbreviated or cancelled due to weather at any time. If conditions are questionable, contact an event coordinator for a status update.

## Trip Reports

August 11- Teton River: Eleven people in seven boats enjoyed a lazy, sunny Saturday afternoon on the Teton River followed by milkshakes at the Emporium or geocaching in Victor. Bruce Anderson was paddling his self built West Greenland wooden frame kayak with a nylon skin substituting for the traditional walrus skin. You can check out pictures of the building process at his website: [myweb.cableone.net/bcanderson](http://myweb.cableone.net/bcanderson).

Other participants were Susan and Kirk McKinley, Colleen Thompson, Karl and Craig Bohan, Greg and Vicki Hulet, Donna and Mark Whitham and Bob Tyler. Just in case you didn't know, the club owns two inflatable one person kayaks that members can rent. Just contact Greg Hulet if you're interested.

### July 20, 2007-Sheep Creek Trail

Friday, July 20, 2007, Alan Crockett and James Mason arrived at the Sheep Creek trailhead and, using Forest Service provided tools, proceeded to clear brush along the trail using loppers and the super hedge trimmer. The latter proved to be tiring and we gave out at about

2:45, headed back to the trailhead, and continued on to Idaho Falls.

Six people worked Friday, Saturday (July 20-21) or both to clear brush from the first 3 miles of the Sheep Creek trail. The crew included: James Mason, Sandy Pew, Bob Schindler (guest), Jeff Coward, Al Jantz and Alan Crockett. On Friday there were only two workers and we pooped out in the middle of the afternoon; using the gas powered hedge trimmer was tiring. On Saturday with a crew of 5 we finished the clearing to the switchbacks but without Dave Woodcock since he was called off for fire duty.

On Saturday, Kris Millgate with Tight Line Media met us at the trailhead and filmed a 2-minute video and interview on the work we were doing. The video was shown as a Time Out feature on Channel 6 and Fox. It is also available online from [www.tightlinemedia.biz](http://www.tightlinemedia.biz) (click on Time Out to see all her segments, ours is Trail Work). Maybe the publicity will help get more volunteers in the future.

#### July 21, 2007-Construction Report:

Several IAC member participated in a trail construction project over in Teton Valley on South Horseshoe Creek. On the 21st we constructed about ½ mile of trail DESPITE the heat. Pizza and Grand Teton Brewing beverages were provided afterwards for the trail crew. On August 18th we will be up there again to build more trail. When the whole project is completed, over a 2-3 year time period, it will be a really nice loop to hike and according to the mountain bikers, a sweet intermediate bike trail. The trail is also used by equestrian and dirt bike trail users. This project is thru the Teton Basin Ranger District and Teton Valley Trails and Pathways (TVTAP) and even has sponsorship from Grand Targhee Mountain Resort and Friends of the Forest.

Here is the link for TVTAP <http://www.tvtap.org/TrailsDays2007/TrailsDaysDetails07.html> and their contact person: Tim Adams - Executive Director - 208-201-1622 -

P.O. Box 373, Driggs, ID 83422 - [pathways@tetonvalley.net](mailto:pathways@tetonvalley.net).

August 2007 Hikes: Joe Groberg, Ruben Vela and Sam Pole enjoyed a hike along Big Elk Creek to the Wyoming-Idaho state line. We noted several additional side trails of interest and gave some thought of an overnighiter in the area. Editor Note: Big Elk Creek is a wonderful late spring beginner backpack trip that the club has done in the past.

#### **Support merchants who Support the IAC**

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading  
523-6679  
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply  
522-3932  
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Stone Walls Rock Gym. \$1 off of Daily Rate. Call 528.8610 for information and summer hours.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books.  
357-1917 or 357-3166;  
[lyнна.howard@mac.com](mailto:lyнна.howard@mac.com)  
[leland@wildernessbooks.com](http://leland@wildernessbooks.com)

#### **CIEDRA Poll Results:**

A recently completed poll shows many locals oppose CIEDRA. A recreation group opposing wilderness in the Boulder-White Clouds Mountains says the survey points to overwhelming local opposition to the bill that would designate 312,000 acres near Stanley as wilderness.

The Idaho Statesman reported on August 10, 2007 that Simpson and a Custer County commissioner disputed the results of the survey and said it was part of an opposition campaign led by the group. The Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act passed the House last year but was not voted on in the Senate. It is currently in a congressional committee, and Simpson expects to have a hearing on it in September.

The Idaho Recreation Council, a group of motorcyclists, snowmobilers,

mountain bikers, equestrians & other recreationists, commissioned the national polling firm Tarrance Group to do a random survey of 400 citizens in Custer and Lemhi counties on July 31-August 1, 2007. Tarrance Group based in Alexandria, Virginia. The firm has a long history of accurately gauging public opinion and campaign outcomes in Idaho. The council released the results Thursday in Boise. The 13-question survey twice asked people what they thought about the wilderness bill. In the first response, 71 percent were in opposition and 14 percent in favor, with the remainder unsure. When asked again in the final question of the survey, 83 percent were opposed and 10 percent in favor.

CIEDRA? IAC had a meeting about this in the spring. Briefly the bill would protect 312,000 acres of the Boulder-White Cloud Mountains in Central Idaho as wilderness, where logging, motorized recreation and other development would be banned.

It would also release 131,600 acres of land now managed as wilderness study into multiple use. It would give Custer County and Stanley more than 3,600 acres of federal land and leaves most motorized trails in place. CIEDRA is Simpson's effort to resolve a long-simmering wilderness debate and give economic aid and public land to the communities surrounding the large roadless area.

The Boulder-White Clouds are part of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, formed by Congress in 1972, after a diverse group of users worked together to prevent an open pit molybdenum mine from opening at the base of Castle Peak.

For more information on CIEDRA, Simpson's PowerPoint presentation is on the IAC website:

[http://www.ifyha.org/IAC/Archives/Alpine\\_CIEDRA\\_PPT.ppt](http://www.ifyha.org/IAC/Archives/Alpine_CIEDRA_PPT.ppt).

<http://www.idahoptv.org/outdoors/howwhiteclouds/index.html>

<http://www.wildwhiteclouds.org>

<http://www.id-rc.org>

Dates to Remember:

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Beartooth Mountains, Montana

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so get out there  
and experience it!

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Membership Fees

Full Year 7/1 to 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 Minutes

**NOTE:** Monthly minutes are available at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org)

**IAC Logo T-Shirts!!**

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each, while they last. When the long sleeve shirts we have are gone, they are gone. 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

**IAC Stickers**

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

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