

Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

Volume 46 - Issue Number 4 - April 2006

COME

BACKPACK DAYHIKE BIKE CLIMB MOUNTAINEER XC-SKI SNOWSHOE AND RAFT
WITH US

web site: www.idahoalpineclub.org

e-mail: info@idahoalpineclub.org

2006 Executive Council

President Bob Tyler 523.5560

Vice-president Alan Crockett 529-5188

Secretary Jeff Coward 522-8135

Treasurer Ken Krivanek 528-8224

Members-at-Large

George Cole 522-4074

Sandra Pew 524.6442

Judy Williams 523.3814

Leon Wolfram 523.0067

Bulletin Editor Donna Whitham 520-1728

Bulletin Assistant Mark Whitham 520-7232

Publicity Donna Whitham 520-1728

Historian/Librarian Barbara 523-6977

WebMaster George Cole 522-4074

Program Donna Whitham 520-1728

Activity Coordinators

Backpacking
Mark Whitham 520-7232

Bicycling
Jeff Coward 522-8135

Climbing/Mountaineering
Open

Conservation
Tim Adkison 542-0786

Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing
Mark/Donna Whitham 520-1728

Day Hiking
Mark/Donna Whitham 520-1728

Rafting
Greg Hulet 523-6199

Trail Maintenance
Alan Crockett 529-5188

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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline:

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings.

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.

MAY Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight April 16

Idaho Alpine Club Meeting

Meet the King of Trails

Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library

The Continental Divide Trail (CDT) was designated a National Scenic Trail by Congress in 1978, with the vision to create a primitive and challenging non-motorized trail on or near the Continental Divide. Stretching 3,100 miles from Mexico to Canada, through the states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico, the CDT provides access to some of the most wild and scenic places left in this country. The high point is 14,270 foot Grays Peak in Colorado and the lowest point is along Waterton Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana. Nearly 58% of the trail is considered complete. Unfortunately, many miles already constructed have fallen into disrepair.

Take a virtual trip with us on sections of the trail at the IAC April monthly meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. 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 D. Whitham at 520.1728

President Speaks

In my early years in college I was majoring in physics and I was very interested in mechanics and gravity and optics but for some reason, I didn't really much care for electricity. Electricity just seemed too nerdy to me and I remember going into the department chairman's office and complaining to him about having to take a course in alternating current theory and having to do lab experiments with vacuum tubes (yes, it was that long ago!). Needless to say, the chairman of the department wasn't too sympathetic to my plight and compared me to someone who just wanted to learn integral calculus but not differential calculus.

Although my feelings were genuine at the time, I look back with a little embarrassment now at my attempt to pick and choose what part of physics was important to me and I realize that the department chair was right that I needed to learn about all aspects of my major. In the end, my attachment to physics was apparently not as strong as it should have been because I eventually changed my major and left physics altogether.

What all this has to do with the Alpine Club is that I see a similar tendency in that we are becoming too compartmentalized. We have developed mini clubs within the larger Club. I'm reluctant to single out individual groups but, for the sake of illustrating my point, here goes. It seems to me that our climbing members tend to form a close knit group and hang out together and so do the river runners. While there are exceptions to this rule, it seems that for the most part climbers tend to come the membership programs about climbing and river runners tend to come to programs featuring rivers. The same could be said of the bikers, hikers and skiers among us. We all pick and choose the activities and programs we are interested in and there is nothing wrong with associating with people who have similar interests to our own. What I think is unhealthy for our club is if we exclusively associate with those who only have similar interests. Donna Whitham does a great job and works hard at getting a variety of excellent programs for our general meetings. I think we need to have a more representative cross sample of our membership at our meetings. I am not convinced that a climber can't enjoy a program about running rivers and vice versa. For the sake of collegiality and holding the club together, all of us need to socialize with one another more. Otherwise, instead of being a single club, we become a collection of separate clubs that don't have much to do with one another. So whatever your outdoor interests may be, widen your horizons a little, and come to a program that deals with an activity you may not engage in. And, in the process, enjoy meeting and getting to know some of your fellow members better whom you otherwise might not have had the chance of becoming acquainted with. Bob Tyler

Upcoming Programs

African Wildlife

Exploring: Wind Cave to Ice Cave

IMPORTANT:

Proposed Bylaw Correction

Some board members and a couple of activity coordinators have expressed some concern over one change made to our bylaws that we approved last fall. The change in question is a new sentence in Article IX which deals with common adventures. The new sentence adopted last fall says that participants on a common adventure are responsible for assisting each other and helping ensure each other's safety. No one would probably argue otherwise but there is some concern that, by making helping one another a responsibility codified in our bylaws, we are creating a liability issue for club members when they go on a common adventure. If one of us causes someone else to be hurt or injured because we have been careless or negligent, we would probably expect to be liable for the other person's injury. However, under the current bylaws, it's not necessary to cause someone else to be hurt to be liable; we just have to fail to assist the other person or fail to ensure the other person's safety. So the current bylaws raise the standard of liability from causing another person's injury to a higher standard of failing to prevent another person's injury. So the board has recommended that members amend Article IX of the bylaws to remove the sentence in question. We will publish notice of the recommended change in the bylaws one more time in the May issue of the newsletter and we will vote on the proposed change at our May membership meeting at the library. Here is the proposed change:

ARTICLE IX - Common Adventures

Each common adventure shall be under the jurisdiction of the designated adventure coordinator. The appropriate activity coordinator shall approve the adventure coordinator. The adventure coordinator may refuse participation in a given trip to anyone. The adventure coordinator should attempt to ensure that a person with recognized first aid or emergency care training participates in the trip. ~~As equal participants on a common adventure, each participant is responsible for assisting other participants and helping to ensure the safety of the group.~~

Spring Highway Clean-up May 13

It is once again that time to don the stylish bright orange vests that the Idaho highway department provides, to fill matching bright orange bags with all the trash accumulated over the winter on the IAC section of Highway 31 between mile posts 6 & 8. Sturdy work boots and work gloves are required. Afterward, we are planning a potluck picnic. For more details and to sign up contact the Whithams at 520.1728 or programs@idahoalpineclub.org.

Dubois Grouse Days April 7-8

Put DGD on your calendar. Lots of activities, good food & fellowship, and wonderful birding opportunities above and beyond seeing sage and sharp-tailed grouse strut their stuff. Friday: Tour of CAMAS National Wildlife Refuge, Banquet, auction, raffle (including a gorgeous handmade quilt) and speakers. Saturday morning: Bus tour to watch sage and sharp-tailed grouse dance on their leks; hearty brunch; tours of CAMAS National Wildlife Refuge and Market Lake and Mud Lake Wildlife Management Areas.

Special Photo Opportunities: Blinds will be set up for photographers who want to leave about 5 am to get onto the lek before dawn to photograph grouse at daybreak.

Questions or to request a registration form:

Call Jeri Tavenner, at (208) 374-5422 (daytime)

Rafting

For information on submitting rafting permits for specific rivers this summer, contact Greg Hulet, 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org.

Bicycling

For biking information, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or send an e-mail to bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

April 8, 2006 (Saturday) - Yellowstone Park ride

Ride the Yellowstone Park roads before they open to motorized traffic.

April 22, 2006 (Saturday) - Teton Park ride

Ride the Teton Park roads before they open to motorized traffic.

May 13, 2006 (Saturday) - W. Yellowstone Lakeside ride (Henry's, Quake, Hebgen Lake loop)

<http://www.cycleyellowstone.com/>

May 13-14, 2006 - STOKR – Scenic Tour of the Kootenai River, Libby Montana

***** Register in February if you want to get in! *****

<http://www.libbymt.com/events/stokr.htm>

<http://www.libby.org/~gregrice/STOKR/>

June 10-11, 2006 – TOSRV-West – Tour of the Swan River Valley <http://www.missoulabike.org>

June 17 and/or 18, 2006 - West Yellowstone to Warm River (mountain bike ride)

This ride can be done in 1 or 2 days, depending on the preference of the riders. It follows the old railroad grade from West Yellowstone to Warm River Campground. The terrain is mostly flat, but there are some area with sand and cinders.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

Contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728 or dayhikes@idahoalpineclub.org, for information on current trips or where to meet up with us on the weekends.

April 29-30: Camping & Bike Riding in Teton Park

May 5-7: Camp, hike, & wolf watch in Yellowstone Park

Chocks and Nuts:

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.

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with 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 the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

Climb Indoors at:

Stone Walls Rock Gym: Call 528.8610 for winter hours.

Support merchants who support the IAC:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls-522-3932
- ★ Free Heel and Wheel,
40 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, Montana,
406-646-7744.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01/17/2006

Invitees: Jeff Coward, Alan Crockett, George Cole, Ken Krivanek, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew, Leon Wolfram, Judy Williams (Attendees are underlined.)

Note Taker: Jeff Coward

- 1) Meeting call to order: 7:40 pm
- 2) Reading of previous month meeting minutes: approved
- 3) Treasurer's Report - (12/01/2005 - 12/31/2005):
Income - December: \$54.23
Expenses - December: \$85.44
Rafting Fund Balance: \$2,387.50
Overall Balance: \$3,192.84
Checking Balance: \$18.13
Members in 2005: 101 as of December 31, 2005
Members to Date: 42 as of January 17, 2006
Treasurer's Report approved by vote.
- 4) Old Business:
White Rim Trail trip - BBTC
Jeff has received information on this annual trip organized by the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club in Salt Lake City, and will bring it to the next meeting.

Additional Publicity for meetings

Leon checked with Clear Channel about possible radio announcements for the IAC monthly meetings. Cost is \$7.00 for a 15 second announcement.

5) New Business:

Trail grant proposals – Dave Woodcock, Palisades Ranger District, Caribou/Targhee National Forest

Dave Woodcock attended the meeting, and provided us with an update on the status of his trail maintenance grants. He has received approval for grant money previously applied for. Scheduling for the actual trail maintenance work will be determined later this year, and a notice will appear in the Bulletin. Club members are encouraged to volunteer to help with the trail maintenance work. Dave also wanted to apply for additional grants for future years, as the trail maintenance backlog is substantial. Approval for additional Alpine Club volunteer labor as a match for the grant was approved. Dave also mentioned that Adopt-a-Trail volunteers are needed as well. More information on how this program works will be obtained and made available to the members.

January membership meeting

Ideas to increase attendance at the January membership meeting were discussed. Suggestions included additional presentations, such as slide shows from the previous year's trips, and discussion of upcoming trips for the new year, as well as ideas of trips that members would like to go on.

Additional bylaws amendment

Bob was concerned that one sentence in the new bylaws might have the effect of increasing the perceived liability for the club on common adventures. Ideas for an amendment to address this were discussed. Judy mentioned that she knew someone with some expertise in the area of organizational bylaws, and she will check with them for ideas on this.

Trifold update

The trifold is in need of updating and reprinting. The old P.O. Box number needs to be corrected. Once the update is complete, making a PDF document out of it would be a good idea. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to have this added to any welcome information that the Chamber might provide to area newcomers.

Display for Banff Film Festival

Materials for a display at the Banff Film Festival will be prepared. Approval was given for the donation of an Alpine Club t-shirt as a door prize.

6) Administrative Business:

February general meeting snacks: Sandy
February council meeting at: Alan Crockett's
4810 West Foxtrail Lane January 21, 2006 7:30 pm

7) Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm

Meeting Date: 02/21/2006

Invitees: Jeff Coward, Alan Crockett, George Cole, Ken Krivanek, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew, Leon Wolfram, Judy Williams (Attendees are underlined.)

Note Taker: Jeff Coward

1) Meeting call to order: 7:45 pm

2) Reading of previous month meeting minutes: approved

3) Treasurer's Report - (01/01/2006 - 01/31/2006):

Income - January:\$666.23

Expenses - January: \$212.63

Rafting Fund Balance: \$2,387.50

Overall Balance: \$3,455.47

Checking Balance:\$276.53

Members in 2005: 101 as of December 31, 2005

Members to Date: 54 as of February 20, 2006

Treasurer's Report approved by vote.

4) Old Business:

White Rim Trail trip - BBTC

Jeff brought the information on this annual trip organized by the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club in Salt Lake City for review by interested parties.

Bylaws revision

After reviewing the options, it was decided to simply remove the sentence in question from the bylaws in order to eliminate potential liability issues with it. An updated copy of the bylaws with the change highlighted will be prepared and made available for review.

5) New Business:

E-Mail received

The club received some e-mails regarding product offers that might be of interest to members.

One was for discounts on mapping software, and the other was for clothing items. It was decided to provide information on these items to members at the next general meeting in case anyone might be interested.

Miscellaneous items

Possible fund raising ideas were discussed.

The member list will be prepared for the Bulletin, along with a reminder for any members that have not yet done so to pay their 2006 dues.

A free family membership for Greg Hulet was approved for storage and maintenance of the club rafting equipment.

A list needs to be prepared of all club equipment and who currently has custody of it so that equipment condition can be determined and equipment rental information can be made available. The council would like to meet with all activity coordinators to help with this and to plan the 2006 trip schedule. Suggestions for trips that members would like to see organized would be appreciated as well.

6) Administrative Business:

February general meeting snacks: Judy / Allen

February council meeting at: Sandy Pew's

1208 Pacific Street February 21, 2006 7:30 pm

7) Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm