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Program

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Rafting

Greg Hulet 523-6199

Trail Maintenance

Open

Please mail completed common adventure forms to the secretary.

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.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

December Council Meeting:

Ken Krivanek's 2185 St. Clair Ave

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.

December Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight December 18

Idaho Alpine Club December Meeting and SlideShow Presentation

Wednesday, December 7, 2005 - 7:30 PM ~Idaho Falls Library

Climbing and Skiing the Volcanoes

During the spring of 2001 IAC member Dan McPherson, went on a 4 week trip with 3 other friends to climb and ski the major volcanoes of the Northwest.

They started with Mt. Shasta and continued climbing and skiing the volcanoes as they headed north. They climbed Mt. Shasta, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker and Mt. Hood. After 4 weeks of skiing and sleeping in gravel parking lots they headed home.

This presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org or check out the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org or call D. Whitham at 520.1728.

President Speaks

Hello, fellow Alpine Club members!

I admit I have been flaky since the birth of our son, Shawn Michael, on Oct. 20, 2005. Boy, life sure changes when a baby joins the family!! He is beautiful and healthy, and Mike and I are thrilled to be parents (lack of sleep notwithstanding). I apologize for missing meetings, and I am very grateful to Tim and the other members for keeping Club business running along smoothly, and being so understanding. Thanks a million!!!! A big congratulations and welcome to the newest council members. I appreciate your willingness to serve. Also, thanks to all who participated in the Nov. general meeting; now the elections and bylaw vote are done! Good job. Enjoy our Idaho winter, and I hope everyone has a very special holiday season.

Now Go Take A Hike!

Michelle

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

November Meeting Date: 11/15/2005

Invitees: Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Michelle Benson, Jeff Coward, Alan Crockett, George Cole, Gary Vecellio, Ken Krivanek
(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 - (10/01/2005 -10/31/2005):
 - Income - October: \$69.79
 - Expenses - October: \$138.84
 - Rafting Fund Balance: \$2,387.50
 - Overall Balance: \$3,336.34
 - Checking Balance: \$170.40
 - Members to Date: 101 as of November 15, 2005
 - Treasurer's Report approved by vote.
- 4) Old Business:
 - Review/revision of by-laws
 - Bylaws revisions are completed and were approved at the November meeting.
 - An updated copy will be posted on the club web site.
 - Island Park Winter Carnival
 - The Island Park Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 13-15, 2006. Planned activities include a variety of ski and snowshoe events.

New Climbing & Trail Maintenance Coordinators needed

Due to changing circumstances, volunteers for the climbing coordinator's and/or co-coordinator's positions are still needed. Council members will contact additional potential replacements to see if anyone is interested. Trail Maintenance coordinator(s) are also needed. We would like to have some trail maintenance outings in 2006. If anyone is interested in coordinating the Club's climbing or trail maintenance activities, please contact a council member.

Jeff will post a notice at the climbing gym about the climbing coordinator's position.

E-mail from Pakistan

Tim will check with Michelle to see if she still has the reply e-mail address. If not, a reply will be sent by snail mail.

5) New Business:

Ski Trip list

It was suggested that it might be worthwhile for our members to put a list of the trips planned by the I.F. Ski Club in the Alpine Club Bulletin along with our own ski trip schedule. This would benefit our members by providing one list with the events for both organizations.

E-mail from climbing club in Illinois

The club received an e-mail from a climbing organization in Illinois inquiring about how we handle liability issues.

Jeff will send info on our policies and procedures, as well as contact information for the ISU Outdoor program.

Miscellaneous e-mails

E-mails regarding K & R Adventure Gear and placing an ad in the Bulletin have been responded to.

6) Administrative Business:

January Meeting

Tim will check with Michelle on reserving the meeting place for the January 4th meeting.

Jeff will prepare additional blank membership cards & windows stickers.

December general meeting snacks: Alan

December council meeting at: Ken Krivanek's

2185 St. Clair Ave December 20, 2005 7:30 pm

7) Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM

Upcoming Programs

Winter Party

In the Footsteps of Bears

Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing

Contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728 or xcski@idahoalpineclub.org, for trip information and to sign up.

December 3 - Christmas Tree Cutting Trip

Snowshoe or cross country ski to 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).

East Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map

Fall River Ridge Guide Map

Harriman State Park Guide Map

Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map

Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map

www.Delorme.com kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is available at:

<http://www.ifskiclub.com/nordic2.html>

Note: Membership in the IFSC is required to participate in the trips listed.

IFSC December Listing:

Dec 2005,TBA: KELLY CANYON IFSC WARMING HUT SETUP About the time Kelly Canyon Opens Contact Glen Hayes 523-6839

XC Ski Yellowstone National Park In Winter:

Book Yellowstone Nordic Ski Packages which do offer discounts by calling the individual reservations office at 307-344-7311 and requesting the Nordic Heaven package. This will include a welcome gift, breakfast each day of the stay, a snowcard per person (good for 10% discounts on SELECT gift shop, food, snowcoach transportation, activities, and ski shop items), 1 full day ski rental per person, 1 ski drop per person and 1 hour hot tub rental per room (at Mammoth only). This package is good at both Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Make reservations for snowcoach at the same time and receive 10% off with the snowcard.

Rafting

For fall and winter rafting trip information unless otherwise listed, contact Greg Hulet, 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org.

Bicycling

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

Chocks and Nuts:

Help the Boy Scouts

A local Boy Scouts group is looking for people with outdoor experience in various areas to help teach their skills to members of their organization.

These are young males from 14-17 and would like experience in rock-climbing, cross-country skiing, rafting, and other adventurous activities. If you would like to help these young people experience a new skill please contact Jess Whiler at 524-9079 for further information and coordination help.

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

Pack for Sale:

Dana Design Terraplane backpack. Mens medium.
Good condition. \$100.
Ken Katsma 523-0147

Climb Indoors at:

Stone Walls Rock Gym
Call 528.8610 for fall hours.

Grant Applications

Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 27, 2006:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of grants to government and private entities in Idaho for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities. Governmental entities and private organizations can apply for grant funding. All projects are reviewed by the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board for final approval.

Grant Forms are available at
www.idahoparks.org/about/grants_trails.html

Geocaching and Letter Boxing:

These are fun things to do if you want to practice with your GPS or just get out for something to do especially this time of year. For more information go to

www.geocaching.com

or www.letterboxing.org

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 Tim Adkison, 542-0786 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.

Bulletin Advertising

Members & Supporting Merchants:

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.

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

Web Site News

Log onto the IAC web site (www.IdahoAlpineClub.org) to find the most recent club bulletins as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators.
- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms in PDF format.
- Check out club discounts with local merchants
- See what club equipment is available to paid up members
- Read the club By-Laws
- Search the club classified ads or post your own ad
- View pictures from recent club activities
- Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
- Find links to other cool outdoor websites

Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org