

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## 2006 Council

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## Members-at-Large

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| George Cole   | 522-4084 |
| Sandra Pew    | 524-6442 |
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## Council Meetings:

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

December Council Meeting Will Be At:

Contact Bob Tyler for Location

## Activity Coordinators:

|                                    |               |          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Backpacking                        | Mark Whitham  | 520-7232 |
| Bicycling                          | Jeff Coward   | 522-8135 |
| Climbing/Mountaineering            | Kevin Coble   | 529-8142 |
|                                    | Eric Larsen   | 522-9354 |
| Conservation                       | Tim Adkison   | 542-0786 |
| Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing | Whithams      | 520-1728 |
| Day Hiking                         | Whithams      | 520-1728 |
| Rafting                            | Greg Hulet    | 523-6199 |
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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.

## DECEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

### Midnight December 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.

## Renew Membership or Join the Club by December 31, 2006 for Chance to WIN \$50 Gift Certificate President Speaks

We elected five new council members at our November general meeting. They are: Jeff Coward, Teak Cummings, Ken Krivanek, Jerry Painter and Jo Ann Sherwin. Normally, we would fill four vacancies on the council but, due to a resignation from the council, there was an additional seat to fill with an unexpired term ending in 12/07. At the December council meeting, members will decide who will fill the four two year terms and who will fill the unexpired one year term. I would like to thank everyone who stepped forward and volunteered to run for the open council positions.

On another note, we have reduced the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter by reducing it from six to four pages and by utilizing a bulk mailer. Although we have already reaped some savings from these moves, we initiated them too late in the year to prevent us from having a cash shortfall in December when we have to pay for the library meeting space for 2007. So we are encouraging everyone to renew your membership before the end of the year. To do so, you can either print a membership application from the club's website, [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) and mail it in or you can renew at the December general meeting. Just to sweeten things up a bit, we will enter the name of anyone who renews or joins between now and the end of the year in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate at Idaho Mountain Trading. The drawing will be at the January membership meeting. We still want you to come and eat and socialize with other members even if you've already renewed, so you must be present at the drawing to win. And don't forget to invite a friend. Bob Tyler

## Idaho Alpine Club General Meeting

\*\*\*T'is The Season\*\*\*

### December 6, 2006@7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library

Winter has arrived in the high country and we will be snowshoeing or XC-Skiing soon. December 9 is the annual tree cutting trip. If you haven't already oogled the newest in snowshoes and XC-skiis, Idaho Mountain Trading will provide a presentation on the newest equipment to make your snow adventures more fun.

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 D. Whitham at 520.1728

## XC-Skiing / Snowshoeing

Contact Mark or Donna Whitham, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 520.1728 for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

### December 9

#### Annual Christmas Tree Cutting:

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 are required. The permits 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).

## Climbing

For information on fall and winter climbing contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354.

## Bicycling

For fall and winter biking information, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or e-mail to [bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org)

### White Rim Trail Info

For those of you interested in taking the White Rim Mt Bike ride with the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club, here is the information presented at the November meeting. First, join the BBTC for \$25 and then send in your \$25 deposit check to John Schwed. He will start taking reservations on April 1st. The dates of the 2007 trip are September 19-23, 2007. The total cost was \$225 for 2006, not including club membership. The cost covers transportation to and from SLC, all food, food preparation, and 2 support vehicles. There is a maximum of 15 riders allowed. For more information, visit <http://www.bbtc.net/>

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

#### November 29, from 7-9 pm

There will be a public meeting on the potential Rising River State Park, at the Idaho Parks and Recreation Office located at 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls.

### Free Maps Now Include

#### Teton Basin Ranger District:

New color topographic maps covering the Teton Basin Ranger District are available for download from the Palisades Ranger District (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps.shtml>) and Caribou Targhee NF web sites. An index map is provided showing 10 maps that cover the both the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Essentially all the trail data for the Teton Basin is based on GPS data collected by the Forest Service. The Teton Basin maps issued in September covering the Big Holes were based on "corporate trail data" which had now been replaced with much more accurate and current GPS data. The maps show contours, shaded relief, road and trail numbers, vegetation, boundaries, and distance between trail intersections. The trails are color coded to show authorized trail use: ATV, motorized, non-motorized and non-mechanized. Each map must be downloaded separately but they can be pasted together to form one large map. Hard copies of these maps are not available from the FS.

As announced before, there are also 12 more detailed "Specialty Maps" maps covering featured trails in the Palisades Ranger District. Similar maps covering the Teton Basin District are not available. These maps are at a scale of 1:50,000 with shaded relief and are detailed enough to replace USGS topographic maps in most cases. Coordinates of trailheads and key intersections are provided. Since the files are large, a high speed internet connection is needed. The Palisades Ranger District Office has a limited number of hard copies of the detailed maps.

### 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](http://www.Delorme.com) kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is also available at the same web site.

### XC Ski Yellowstone National Park:

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.

### 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 fall & winter hours: 4-9PM Monday - Thursday, 4 - 10 PM Friday, 12-9 PM Saturday, and Closed Sunday. Call 528.8610 for information.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

### Grant Applications

Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 26, 2007: 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/aboutus/grants/trails.aspx](http://www.idahoparks.org/aboutus/grants/trails.aspx)

## MEMBER'S RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

**NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT LIMITING YOUR RIGHTS TO RECOVER FOR INJURY AND LOSS!**

By signing this document, you waive rights to bring any legal claim to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for injury to or death of yourself, your spouse, your children or others and for loss of or damage to property however caused, arising out of the tortuous acts of the officers or agents of Idaho Alpine Club (hereinafter IAC), now or any time in the future, whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

- Definitions.** Herein IAC means Idaho Alpine Club, its officers, agents, activity coordinators and trip coordinators. "I" means the undersigned member, all my heirs and the members of my family, including any minors whether or not accompanying me and my personal representative, executors and administrators.
- Acknowledgment of Risk.** I hereby acknowledge and agree that the activities of the IAC are frequently inherently dangerous and have a high degree of risk. I acknowledge that by execution hereof, **I am waiving and releasing all claims against the IAC for any injury whatsoever.** I agree to participate as a common adventurer, sharing the expenses for the activity and being personally responsible for my own safety and not looking to any others to protect me from harm.
- Release and Waiver of All Claims and Covenant Not to Sue.** In consideration of participation in the activities of the Idaho Alpine Club by me, by my spouse, children or other dependents, I irrevocably waive and release the IAC and the owners of all equipment used in the IAC's common adventures from, and WAIVE MY SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CLAIM OR DEMANDS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, including but not limited to, any claim of negligence, which I may have or acquire in the future against the IAC on account of personal injury, property damage, death, or accident of any kind, arising out of my involvement in the Idaho Alpine Club activities, however the injury or damage is caused, including, but not limited to, the negligence of the IAC. I contractually release the IAC and agree to hold the IAC harmless from any and all liability for any claims demands damages, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, which result or may result in the future from activities sponsored by the IAC or coordinated by the Idaho Alpine Club members. This release applies to all club activities in the future in which I may participate. This release shall be effective and apply to all my heirs and the members of my family, including any minors whether or not accompanying me and my personal representative, executors and administrators. .
- Statement of Capacity and Understanding.** I will not undertake any activity of the Idaho Alpine Club without becoming fully aware of the nature and extent of the risks inherent therein. By participation, I am voluntarily assuming the risks. I will not engage in the activities unless I am in good health and I have no physical limitations which would preclude my safe participation. I understand I am responsible for my own instruction in safety and providing for my own safety. I am of lawful age (18 years or older) and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement. I understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding, and I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, having full time to carefully consider it, of my own free will.

Member's Signature x \_\_\_\_\_

**IN EMERGENCY NOTIFY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your newsletter sent via e-mail to you if that capability is available in the future? Yes\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_

If the above-named member is under 18 years old: Parent/Guardian Consent: I, as parent or guardian of the above minor under 18 years of age, hereby consent to the terms and conditions set forth in this Release Form.

I authorize his or her signing it, and covenant not to sue.

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Telephone

## Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC -- Join today

For more information write to the address below.

Idaho Alpine Club, P.O. Box 2883, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883

[www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org)

Single membership \$20 per year \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$15 after July 1)

Household family--\$25 per year \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$20 from July 1 to September 30)

[Students (full time and 18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off above rates. After October 1, full fees apply to the following year.]

**NOTE: Please read and fill out the release form on the reverse of this application - membership is not valid unless the release form is completed.**

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Interests (Check those that apply!):

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|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| A | <input type="checkbox"/> | Backpacking    |
| B | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bicycling      |
| C | <input type="checkbox"/> | Caving         |
| D | <input type="checkbox"/> | Climbing, Ice  |
| E | <input type="checkbox"/> | Climbing, Rock |
| F | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation   |

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|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| G | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cross-Country Skiing |
| H | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hot Potting          |
| I | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kayaking             |
| J | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mountaineering       |
| K | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rafting              |
| L | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trail Maintenance    |

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|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| M | <input type="checkbox"/> | Winter Camping |
| N | <input type="checkbox"/> | Canoeing       |
| O | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day Hiking     |
| P | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scuba Diving   |
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