

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

1/11/07 Ken Krivanek's

2/8/07 Sandy Pew's at 1208 Pacific

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Mark Whitham	520-7232
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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.

## FEBRUARY Bulletin Deadline is:

### Midnight January 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 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER BASH AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND

Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 7:30 PM

### St. Lukes Episcopal Church

270 North Placer Avenue (Across from the YMCA)

It is that time of the year again for the IAC Annual Winter Membership Party and to renew your membership in the IAC. If you haven't already renewed your membership, your membership fees are now due and should be sent to the club Treasurer without the regular application. If a member's address, phone number or email address has changed, that information should be included with the check. If you wish to join the IAC visit our website to download an application to mail along with the fees to start the new year off right.

Those who joined or renewed by December 31, 2006 are eligible for the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate (one entry per family or single membership) and must be present to win.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert or appetizer to share, as well as pictures and stories of the year's activities!! Drinks will be provided. Tickets to the Banff Film Festival will be available for purchase at the Winter Bash.

The party is open to the public. All outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

For more information log onto the club website at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) or contact any council member.

## President Speaks

The new year finds me embarking on a new phase in my life: being retired. I'm certainly looking forward to it; but, at the risk of appearing to view the glass as half empty rather than half full, I wish retirement had happened at age 30 rather than at age 60. There would be so much more I could accomplish. Nevertheless, I am grateful I will now have time to participate in a few more club activities than in the past. If you have not yet been on a club outing, I hope you will find the time to enjoy one or more during the coming year or, if you feel comfortable doing it, even lead a trip. Remember, our activity coordinators are not supposed to be the only trip leaders. Sometimes, the only way to explore an area you are interested in is to plan the trip yourself rather than waiting for someone else to come along and do it. Thanks to all who renewed their memberships early. Please plan to attend the membership party to see if you win the \$50.00 gift certificate to Idaho Mountain Trading. Bob Tyler

## Baniff Mountain Film Festival

7pm, Friday, Feb. 9, 2007

The program will feature 2 - ½ hours of best international adventure films (winter sports, rock climbing, whitewater, cycling, aerial stunts and adventure trekking).

Support the Nordic Ski Patrol. Proceeds from the benefit are used for first aid equipment, training, supplies, and maintenance of the patrol hut at Harriman State Park.

For information and tickets, contact the Colonial Theater

498 A Street Idaho Falls

Ph: 208-522-0471, ext 104

E-mail: [ifac@idahofallsarts.org](mailto:ifac@idahofallsarts.org)

Lobby opens at 6pm, general seating begins 6:30pm

Tickets

\$10 in advance

\$12 Day of Show

Also available at:

**Idaho Mountain Trading (523-6679)**

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or from Nordic Ski Patrol Members

## XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Withams 520.1728 or, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Ken Krivanek has kindly agreed to lead some trips while Donna is recovering from knee surgery.

### January 20, 2007 Craters of the Moon:

We plan to go out to Craters on the 20<sup>th</sup> to attend their Winter Ecology class or XCSki the loop. The trail is groomed with a groomer used in the 2002 Winter Olympics. Anyone interested in joining us out there will be responsible for making their own reservation for the free class. If this date is not convenient, the information on the class and dates follows.

Winter is a special time of year to visit Craters of the Moon. Explore a different side of Craters of the Moon on a Ranger guided winter ecology snowshoe walk and presentation. The workshop starts with a 45-60 minute classroom session followed by several hours out in the park on snowshoes. Snowshoes are available for use and there is no charge for these events. Reservations are required and participants need to be at least 10 years of age for this moderately strenuous walk. Call early to sign up for these popular excursions. Because of the continued public interest, six winter ecology snowshoe workshops will be held again this winter on the following Saturdays—1/6/2007, 1/20/2007,

1/27/2007, 2/3/2007, 2/10/2007, 2/17/2007. Each program meets at the visitor center and runs from 9:30 AM to about 3 PM. The snowshoe hike itself varies from easy to moderately strenuous and cover between 3 and 5 miles. Lunch is eaten out in the Monument. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Visitor Center 208-527-3257

### December 30, 2006: Fall River Ridge:

This is where I spent a cold night last year; I promise we will not do that again this year. The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located 10 miles east of Ashton on the Cave Falls Road. There are three loops that are suitable for beginners to the intermediate skier. The terrain consists of rolling hills dotted with meadows and stand of lodgepole pine and aspen trees. A parking area is at the trailhead. There are 7 to 8 miles of trails in this system. We will ski all three loops to give us a very nice day of skiing. Afterwards we will go have a Big Jud burger in Ashton before heading home. Call Ken Krivanek to sign up and for meeting time and place, 528-8224 or [krivanek@nicoh.com](mailto:krivanek@nicoh.com).

### January 20, 2007: Buffalo River:

The trailhead is a Park-n-Ski area and is located ¼ mile north of the Island Park Ranger Station near Ponds Lodge Resort. There are four large loops that are classified as beginner to intermediate. The terrain varies from gentle grades to downhill runs through tree groves. There are nine miles of trail in this area and offer views of the Island Park Reservoir, Box Canyon, and the Buffalo River. We will ski all or parts of all four loops that will provide a challenging day of skiing. Afterwards we will go to Ponds Lodge for a cozy dinner before heading back to Idaho Falls. Call Ken Krivanek to sign up and for meeting time and place, 528-8224 or [krivanek@nicoh.com](mailto:krivanek@nicoh.com).

### January 27, 2007: Kelly Canyon

**Nordic Area:** The trailhead is adjacent to the Kelly Canyon Ski Resort. We will snowshoe about 6 to 7 miles. We will climb up the Big Slot trail to Shoer's Delight and parallel the segment of the Buckskin-Morgan Ridge Loop that traverses the ridge top. We will continue over to Morgan Summit and then shoe out to the Hawley Gulch Overlook before returning to the trailhead via FR 218. From there we will head to Heise Lodge for a well-deserved dinner before heading back to Idaho Falls. Call Ken Krivanek to sign up and for meeting time and place, 528-8224 or [krivanek@nicoh.com](mailto:krivanek@nicoh.com).

### February 10, 2007: Teton Canyon:

The Teton Canyon Road is east of Idaho Falls near Driggs. The trail follows the Teton Canyon Road into the Teton Canyon Campground, which is where the trailhead up to Table Mountain starts. This is a 10-mile round trip ski that is considered to be an intermediate adventure due to its length. We will ski to the Campground where we will have a snack and then return to our cars. Before heading back to Idaho Falls we will stop for dinner at the Knotty Pine Restaurant in Victor. Call Ken Krivanek to sign up and for meeting time and place, 528-8224 or [krivanek@nicoh.com](mailto:krivanek@nicoh.com).

### February 17, 2007: Bear Gulch/Mesa

**Falls Area:** The Park-n-Ski Area is located seven miles northeast of Ashton on Mesa Falls Forest Highway 47. The approximately 5-mile trail travels along the canyon rim and parallel the snowmobile trail out to the spectacular Lower and Upper Mesa Falls. Once to the falls we will return to the trailhead on the same trail we took out. The trail is recommended for intermediate skiers due to its length (9 to 10 miles). After returning to Ashton we will have dinner either at Big Jud or at another restaurant in town. Call Ken Krivanek to sign up and for meeting time and place, 528-8224 or [krivanek@nicoh.com](mailto:krivanek@nicoh.com).

## 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)

## 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 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

## Free Maps:

New color topographic maps are available for download from the Palisades Ranger District web site: [www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps). On this page there is an index map showing an 8 page map that covers the entire ranger district and connecting areas at a scale of 1:112,500. Each map must be downloaded separately and they can be pasted together to form one large map. Hard copies of these maps are not available from the FS.

There are also 12 more detailed "Specialty" maps covering specific trails. 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.

## Trip Reports:

### December 9

#### Annual Christmas Tree Cutting:

The weather was almost too warm when Norman and Jeanell Coyne, Steve and Pat Huntington, Ken Krivanek, and Sandra Pew, Joined the Whithams for the annual snowshoe trip to search out the perfect Christmas tree. The Coynes and the Whithams chopped down two lovely trees and hauled them out of Tie Canyon, which is in the Pine Creek Pass area. After providing adequate tree supervision, Steve, Pat, Ken, and Sandy snowshoed up Tie Canyon a ways and shared a sushi lunch. The Coynes and the Whithams towed their trees to their cars and stopped for a square ice-cream lunch.

### 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

### East Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffero 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.

### Trail Etiquette & Safety

- Be considerate of other traffic on all trails.
- Yield to skiers on a downhill run.
- Make every effort to clear the trail if you stop or fall.
- Do not walk or snowshoe on either skier set or machine set ski tracks on marked ski trails. Note: Skiers may choose to skin up or run down a snowshoe track that is marked or

may even parallel a ski trail to avoid breaking trail but that is their choice.

- Ski under control always; avoid trails that are beyond your ability.
- Register your trip at the trail sign-in locations; use trail maps and signs to plan your trip.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return before leaving town. Then stick to those plans.
- Ski with a partner, especially on the ungroomed trails and back country ski runs.
- Make it a habit to carry the 10 "E's"; extra gear, water, snacks, flashlight, a compass or a GPS, trail or area maps, a cell phone (very poor reception if any except for on the ridge tops in most areas), and fire starting tools, even on short trips.
- Be aware that trail conditions can change greatly with changing snow, trail and weather conditions.
- Watch for and yield to trail grooming equipment.
- Keep your dogs under control (leash or in your immediate line of sight) and off of groomed tracks, and clean their refuse from the trail. Remember even other dog lovers do not care for someone else's dog showing up unsupervised, ill mannered, and leaving refuse in the trail.

### Avalanche Awareness Class

January 19-20, 2007 in Idaho Falls / Big Holes: Offered through the Idaho Parks and Recreation ORMV education program which is funded by the state ORMV sticker program (similar to Park 'n' Ski permits). If you own or have access to sleds and avalanche gear including transceivers, this awesome hands on class covers the 8 steps to reducing your avalanche risk in an evening class and out in the field (this is the day you do need sleds to ride into the Big Holes). The field portion even includes a mock burial. Note: Because the class is free, the sleds should have current ORMV stickers. Contact Troy Elmore at IDPR for more information and or to sign up: 208.525.7121 or go to: [www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov](http://www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov) click on Recreation, then Snowmobiling, then Upcoming Avalanche Safety Classes. We took this class this past January and the hands on portion was so realistic that a passing by group of a dozen or so snowmobilers stopped to help us.

**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 Council Meeting Minutes**

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

**Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC**

**Join today**

*For more information write to the address below or visit our web site to download a free newsletter and application:*

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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 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.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW  
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE JANUARY  
WINTER BASH!!**

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