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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 PM until further notice

Upcoming Council Meetings:

January: Whitham's Home 706 Laurelwood Ave.

February: Pole's Home 1710 Del Mar Dr.

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
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Conservation	Open	
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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:

5 PM on JANUARY 10

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

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.

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

"MAGIC MOMENTS"

NOTE THE NEW MEETING TIME DUE TO LIBRARY POLICY:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Jackson, Wyoming resident Darrell Miller has two passions: snowboarding and movie making. For the past nine years, he has indulged these two passions by making a movie each year showing friends having fun doing crazy things involving skis and snowboards at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and environs.

This year's movie, "Magic Moments", premiered at the Snow King ballroom in Jackson on November 13 to an enthusiastic crowd with part of the proceeds from admission going to benefit the Bridger Teton National Forest Avalanche Center. Miller spent about 1000 hours earlier in the fall assembling the footage and music that comprise the hour long movie. The enthusiasm of Miller's skiers and boarders, who do what they do for the love of it and not for pay, is infectious as they huck themselves off cliffs and plunge down narrow, rocky couloirs with helmet mounted cameras that give the viewer a visceral feel for what it is like to become airborne and then nail a landing. Miller's movie memorably portrays the passion that these skiers and boarders have for their sport.

In addition to viewing Miller's movie, we will also have a short by Alta resident Brandon Gust of longboarding on Ski Hill Road. If longboarding is a sport new to you, and it probably is, suffice it to say that it is a surprisingly graceful endeavor that involves a hill, wheels and no brakes. EEEEEEEK!!!!

To learn more, come to the meeting and check it out.

The meeting is open to the public and 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 Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

President Speaks

Fifty years! That's how long the Alpine Club has been active in Idaho Falls. To celebrate lets all support the club and sign up for a trip this year. If you don't see a trip you like you can always lead a trip yourself, just contact the activity coordinator for details. If you don't see the activity listed contact a council member and maybe we can add your activity to the list. Canoeing, scuba diving and caving have all come and gone over the years. All we need to bring them back or add new ones is an individual willing to lead trips. Participation is what makes this club great so get involved.

Mark Whitham

Participation on Club Activities Common Adventure

/ Trips: With the exception of rafting, Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing.

Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure/trip of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure / trip / activity.

XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, xcski@idahoalpineclub.org for trip information, meeting location and time, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Additional trips to be added over the winter, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed, or the weather too severe, the location of a trip may change or the trip may be canceled at the last minute.

Carry or Bring Your Own:

1. Water
 2. Food/snacks
 3. Dress in layers. Hat and gloves or mittens. Do NOT show up in cotton clothing to XC-ski or Snowshoe. Wear wool or synthetics with the final layer being a wind and or a waterproof barrier. Bring adequate extra Winter appropriate protective clothing-no cotton.
 4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, personal medications, as needed during the day.
 5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
 6. Map & Compass
 7. Sunglasses
 8. Lightweight shelter / space blanket.
 9. Appropriate equipment-skis or snowshoes, boots, poles, skins, shovel and avalanche transceiver depending on activity or terrain.
 - 10 Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape and wax kit or glide liquid.
 - 11 Mat to sit on
- Other personal items of interest.

January 9 XCSki: Brimstone: 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 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. Bring binoculars. We'll meet at Pond's Lodge for breakfast and then XCSki with the Idaho Falls Audubon Society to participate in the Winter Eagle Count after breakfast. Dress warmly as we will be stopping to spot birds, be sure to bring binoculars, and learn a what other birds are wintering in the area, in addition to counting the eagles. There will be plenty of opportunities to learn from experienced birders about the birds. This is Idaho State Parks and Recreation's Free Ski day.

January 10 XCSki or Snowshoe at Harriman State

Park: Meet at the park to Classic or skate ski the over 10 miles of groomed trails at Harriman State Park. Effective January 1, 2010, Harriman's Day pass is \$4 per skier, plus parking fee is \$5.

January 17 XCSki Ricks Basin: Depending on conditions we will skate or XC ski on the groomed Nordic trails at Grand Targhee Resort. There are 10 miles of groomed trails that range from beginner to advanced. Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors or children.

Idaho Falls XC-Ski Locations – (according to the Post Register) Given enough snow, two parks in Idaho Falls are groomed for cross-county skiing. Freeman Park and Tautphaus Park are open to skiers daily. Some of the other parks in town occasionally are groomed, but usually will have skier set tracks.

Additionally, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Sand Creek Golf Course will be open for XC-skiing for a \$1 fee.

If you want to snowshoe in any of the parks, stay off the groomed tracks.

Check with us on weekends that are not scheduled in advance. Even on domestic weekends we usually will go over to one of the parks to skate or classic ski or snowshoe with the dogs.

Park N' Ski Areas The US Forest Service Ashton/Island Park District plans to continue grooming all the ski trails at Buffalo/Brimstone, Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls and Fall River Ridge on a weekly basis depending on snow conditions. Parking at Park N' Ski areas requires a \$25 permit that is available from several locations including Forest Service offices, the IF Chamber of Commerce and Idaho Mountain Trading Company. Please note that Harriman State Park is not a Park N' Ski permit area and requires separate parking and grooming fees (see Harriman).

Harriman State Park – from Keith Hobbs

Please note that Harriman is a Premium Nordic area and special fees apply. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Board approved Nordic Ski fee increases for Harriman and Ponderosa State Parks. Beginning on January 1st, 2010, fees for winter use at both parks will be \$5.00 per car and \$4.00 per skier. Annual passes are available for both fees and provide considerable savings to skiers who frequent these parks. These winter access fees are used to cover the rising cost of grooming and snow removal.

For the first time, with the cooperation of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Harriman State Park will offer a "Dog Friendly" ski trail, leaving the Harriman parking area and traveling approximately 2.5 miles on national forest lands. While on Harriman State Park, dogs will require a leash and must be directed to the new trail on forest lands, across Green Canyon Road. Harriman State Park fees also apply to this trail. Be sure to be responsible canine citizen owners by keeping control of your dog so it doesn't run up and jump on small children or entangle those who keep their dog on a leash. Also by picking up the brown klister that no one else really wants to scrape off the bottoms of their skis.

**Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
Colonial Theater at 7 pm Thurs. Feb. 11, 2010**

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, brought to you by the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol, will be presented 7 pm to 10 pm Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls. The evening program presents 2 1/2 hours of adventure films plus door prizes. The films vary in length (5 to 45 minutes) featuring big mountain skiing, extreme rock climbing, water sports, adventure trekking in exotic cultures, and selected 2009 - 2010 Banff Festival award winners.

General admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The lobby opens at 6pm, general seating begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are on sale at Idaho Mountain Trading (523-6679), 474 Shoup Ave.; Scott's Ski & Sports (232-1449), 244 N. Main, Pocatello; and the Colonial Theater Box Office (522-0471), 498 A St., credit cards accepted. Buy tickets early! Last year this program sold out and people were turned away at the door.

AVALANCHE INTERNET SITES

Cyberspace Snow & Avalanche Center

This one stop site provides links to just about everywhere, plus tons of information about avalanche safety in the back-country: <http://www.csac.org/>

North America: <http://www.avalanche.org/>

Jackson Area: <http://jhalanche.org/>

Bozeman Area:

<http://www.mtavalanche.com/current/index.shtml>

Island Park Area: <http://islandparksnow.net/>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

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

E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Five hiking trail maps covering trails in the Teton Ranger District are now on the Alpine Club web site. Four of the trails are in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness (Bitch Creek area, Leigh Creek area, Alaska Basin and Table Mtn, Moose Creek & Taylor Mtn) and the 5th covers the Pine Creek area. Also there is a map of the Ashton Tetonia trail which is scheduled to become a State Park in the spring although can be ridden now. It will be a summer season non-motorized trail on the old rail bed, 30 miles long with one detour. Snowmobiling is allowed on the trail which has been funded in part by the Idaho Parks and Recreation Off Road Motor Fund. All the bridges will be completed by December, and the Tetonia trailhead is complete. Next spring the bed will be improved in places and sometime a trailhead in Ashton will be established.

Black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area map brochure will be available locally and at the trailhead. A full color version of the current map can be downloaded from the IF Ski Club's web site, www.ifskiclub.com. These and additional area maps are available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffero River Guide Map

Happening Hounds Pet Services

IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108

happeninghounds@yahoo.com

Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area

Services: Home visits, overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

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.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac_climbing or,

via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to:

iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo!

Short sleeve \$14 each.

Long sleeve \$21 each.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each.

The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

**HELP CELEBRATE IAC's 50 YOUNG YEARS
RENEW NOW FOR YEAR ROUND FUN!**

Dates to Remember:

JANUARY 6: IAC GENERAL MEETING "MAGIC MOMENTS"

January 9: XCSki / Eagle Winter Count: Brimstone Idaho State Parks and Recreation Free Ski day

January 10: XCSki or Snowshoe: Harriman State Park

January 17: XCSki: Ricks Basin

Climbing: Subscribe to find out any updates on the weekly climbing plans. See page 2 for information on how to subscribe.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY

Winter - Snow - Fun

Come play in the snow with us!!!!

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 Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

Support the Merchants who Support the IAC

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading 523-6679 Shoup & B (Non-Sale Items Only)
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226 1352 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes bicycles)
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341 805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excludes bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply 522-3932 (Accessories Only) 450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; lynnahoward@mac.com leland@wildernessbooks.com
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

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