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Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

5.10.2007: Papa Tom's Pizza at 1830 S. Woodruff

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	529-8142
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 P.M.** on the first TUESDAY of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

MAY Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight May 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

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

"Hut to Hut Hiking in New Zealand & Norway" IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, May 1, 2007, 7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library

Are you wanting to do something a little different for your next vacation and need some ideas? Want to get away to another continent for a little adventure travel? Member Julie Geng can discuss a couple of ideas that might be of interest. She has traveled extensively in New Zealand and Norway doing hut to hut hiking trips in both countries.

In 2005 Julie spent three months in New Zealand hiking two different tracks, the Milford and the Routeburn. She has also done two different hut to hut hikes in Norway spending three weeks each time. Julie will show slides of her experiences in both of these beautiful countries so be sure to attend this enjoyable program.

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 Bob Tyler at 523-5560

President Speaks

We are heading into the summer now and most of us have probably put away our skis by now, although I recall doing a day long ski tour in Darby Canyon around Mt. Bannan and Fossil Peak one year on the first day of summer. To usher in the new season we have a new hiking and backpacking coordinator, Sam Pole. Sam has graciously offered to replace the Whithams who have decided it is time take a break from the coordinator position after having served in that capacity for ten years. Due to a miscommunication, Ken Krivanek was erroneously listed as the new coordinator in last month's newsletter. In addition to serving as coordinator, Sam will also be leading a number of hikes over the rest of spring and the summer. So if you want to schedule a hike, please give Sam a call. As you know, it's the generosity of our members who give of their time that makes club work. There are a couple of coordinator positions still open, conservation and programs; so, if it is your time to step up to the plate, please consider accepting a volunteer opportunity.

The Memorial Day float trip on the Salmon River is coming up and this is a fairly easy trip to go on if you are considering giving rafting a try. Even if you don't want to raft, it is a relaxing camp out with potluck dinners in the evenings plus nearby hot springs and a good way to meet new friends and have a good time. So wherever your outdoor interests lie, gear up and get out and enjoy yourself because we don't want to hear anyone voicing regrets by the time fall rolls around.

-Bob Tyler

Climbing

For information on current trips or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Lost River Mountaineering: May 19

This will be a good chance to try out those newly acquired ice ax skills. The Lost River Range has dozens of moderate mountaineering routes that are often overlooked by the hundreds of people tripping over each other to climb Mt. Borah. We will be attempting one of these peaks as a good tune up for the summer. The exact route will depend on conditions, but Dickey, Lost River Peak, or Peak 11,308 are all possibilities, as is Saddle Mountain (OK, Saddle is in the Lemhi Mountains, but you get the idea).

This will be an good trip for beginning mountaineers. The only requirements are a high level of fitness, and previous knowledge of ice ax use (snow school is perfect for that).

Teton Mountaineering: June 16-17

This will be an overnight trip into the Teton Mountains. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the exact route will depend on conditions, but that's the way mountaineering is sometimes. This will be a more advanced trip, and previous mountaineering experience is required. Possibilities include Buck, Disappointment Peak, or the Middle Teton. We'll hike in on Saturday and set up a camp. Then it's off to bed for a predawn wake up call. After our summit attempt we'll hike back down to the trail head and have a well deserved dinner in Jackson. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

Grand Teton: August 16th, 17th, & 18th

This is the big one. The Grand Teton is the crown jewel of the Teton Range, and a must do for any

aspiring mountaineers. There are no walk up routes to the top. All routes require solid technical climbing ability. Participants in this trip must have demonstrated competency in all aspects of mountaineering. Climbing, belaying, rappelling, massive exposure, carrying big packs, moving fast over rough terrain, and dealing with the Teton's unpredictable August weather are all needed skills for this trip. Sign up will begin in July, and applicants must be active participants in other club climbing trips this summer to be considered.

Route selection will depend on conditions (of course), and participant skill and desire. Upper Exum Ridge or Owen-Spaulding routes will be the most likely choices. We will reserve a camp site in the moraines for 2 nights, but if all goes well we'll only need one.

We will hike in on Friday, set up camp, and try for the summit early Saturday morning. This schedule helps to beat most of the weekend crowd. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

Just a reminder, Wednesday night climbs start again near the end of May!

Nov/Dec - Bozeman Ice Festival

- Eric

Rafting

For information on rafting trips, or contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org, or contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description.

Memorial Day Weekend – Class 3+ to 4 day trips on Main Salmon near Shoup. Group will raft Saturday, Sunday, and Monday depending on the interest of those who are there. Usually 2 trips per day. Saturday and Sunday evenings the group will have potluck dinners. Rafting fees will be \$10 per person per day on the water regardless of number of trips per day. Everyone planning to raft needs to help with hauling the gear. If you don't help with gear, don't plan on rafting. We are not outfitters. We need a trip

coordinator for Sunday and Monday. Greg Hulet will coordinate on Saturday, but has to leave Saturday night. If you plan on participating, call Greg far enough in advance to allow for gear pick up. Anyone who wants to run an inflatable kayak or run a boat with oars, plan on hauling that gear. That gear wasn't used last year, so it won't be brought up unless someone voices an interest. If planning to attend, contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199.

June 2 – Fall River – Class 4 day trip (water level permitting) Contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199.

Bicycling

For biking information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org unless otherwise indicated in the trip description.

Sheep Bridge Trail: May 19th

This is an easy out and back mountain bike ride in Teton Canyon with a round trip distance of only 4.8 miles. This trip is suitable for beginners and families. If, after we're done, anyone wants to do a little more, we have the option of riding part of the nearby Aspen Trail which is of moderate difficulty and is 4.3 miles one way. For more information on when and where to meet, call Bob Tyler at 787-2601.

More rides will be listed later as dates are finalized.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips and or to sign up to go, contact Sam Pole email: Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org or 523-4970 unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Thursday & Saturday (weekend) trips:
April 26-Hell's Half Acre out to the crater.

April 28- Burns Canyon to Dry Creek along the canyon edge above the Snake River. .

May 3-Big Southern Butte from the gate to the top.

May 5- Blowout Canyon on the north side of Palisades Reservoir.

Craters of the Moon out to the ice caves and maybe Crescent Butte cider cone (There are numerous possibilities that can be decided later).

Season Continued:

Following is a list of possible hikes in no particular order. Sam has done most but not all of them over the years and they are all fun.

Black Canyon to Garnes Mtn in the Big Holes. A long day or overnighiter. Palisades Creek to Upper Palisades Lake and Waterfall Canyon. A long hard day or overnighiter. Waterfall Canyon is really spectacular with the two waterfalls.

Glory Bowl loop to the Teton Crest trail and back past Ski Lake trail. This is a nice long day hike.

Taylor Mtn. Another good day hike.

Darby Canyon to Wind cave and possibly Fossil Mtn. This is a great day hike or can be an overnighiter on the west side of the Tetons.

Leigh Lakes via Targhee lift or Teton Canyon. This is a nice day hike or again overnighiter though sometimes the mosquitoes can be a bother.

Table Mtn of course.

Alaska Basin loop. A day hike or multi-nighter.

Green Lakes. This would most likely be an overnighiter.

Fox Canyon to Death Canyon Shelf and back or this could be a through hike.

Spring Creek Ranger Station to overlook of Darby Canyon. This is a nice day hike in July with the wild flowers.

and Closed Sunday. Call 528.8610 for information.

- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books. 357-1917 or 357-3166; <lynna.howard@mac.com>, <leland@wildernessbooks.com>

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. 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.

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hours: 4-9PM Monday - Thursday,
4-10PM Friday, 12-9 PM Saturday,

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

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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.

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