

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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George Cole	522-4084
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## Council Meetings:

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

November 21 Council Meeting Will Be At:

Contact Bob Tyler for Location

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Mark Whitham	520-7232
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
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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 November 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.

## White Rim Mt Bike Ride Slide Show

### Idaho Alpine Club Annual Elections & General Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2006@7:30 PM Idaho Falls Library  
Last September, Alan Crockett and Glen Hayes did a 4-day mountain bike ride of the White Rim trail with the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club. The White Rim trail, near Moab, covers 110 miles of paved, gravel and jeep roads in Canyonlands National Park; one of the most scenic areas of this country. The route starts and finishes at the park headquarters, elevation 6,000 ft and drops to a low of 3,900 ft as it parallels the Green and Colorado rivers.

A description of the ride from Rim Tours web site states: "The White Rim Trail, located in the heart of Canyonlands National Park, is one of the most coveted mountain bike trails in the nation. This classic tour is a must for anyone visiting Utah's canyon country, offering a perfect combination of great riding and spectacular scenery. We ride along the "White Rim" layer of sandstone, with dramatic canyons below and majestic red rock cliffs above. The trail leads to arches, towers and other fantastic rock formations. Your guides will lead you on bike and on foot to explore the hidden treasures the White Rim offers. Visit an Indian dwelling of ancient times or perhaps trek into a slot canyon disappearing into the desert sandstone. The White Rim Trail can be the trip of a lifetime."

We agree with the trip description, but were able to do the trip for \$250 instead of the \$745/person that Rim Tours charges. Many IAC members have done this trip and many more of you could and perhaps should. We will show you the route, scenery and tell you how to enjoy this great trip inexpensively and conveniently.

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

## 2007-2008 Idaho Alpine Club Council Nominees:

Six club members have volunteered to run for the 2007-2008 Alpine Club Council. They are: Jeff Coward, Teak Cummings, Ken Krivanek, Jerry Painter, Jo Ann Sherwin and Gary Vecellio. We have five slots to fill this year instead of the usual four because Leon Wolfram resigned from the council and we have to fill his unexpired term which runs through 2007. We will hold the election of new council members at our general meeting on November 1. We welcome other members who would like to run for the council and, if you are interested, please contact Bob Tyler.

Note: If you can not attend the meeting please forward your choices, prior to the November 1 meeting, to the Secretary or any of the council officers or mail them to P.O. Box 2883 Idaho Falls, ID 83403

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## President Speaks

Have you noticed the pictures of peak baggers standing on the tops of mountains in the Post Register Outdoor section every week and have you also noticed how few of the pictured climbers you recognize as Alpine Club members? How many times have you run into people on the trails who are not club members or have never heard of the Alpine Club? It would seem natural that people with an affinity for the outdoors and who share an interest in the same outdoor pursuits as we do would gravitate toward our organization. Robert Putnam in his book *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* argues that the pressures of modern society have made people more disconnected and isolated and less likely to join civic organizations and attend public meetings. Well, you can do your part to thwart this threat to American society. The next time you sign up for a club outing, think about bringing a friend or relative along. They might appreciate getting out and you just might be the catalyst for them joining the club. In other words, help spread the word, whenever you can, that we're out there and we're fun.

Bob Tyler

## XCSkiing / 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).

## November 21 - 25

### Yellowstone Ski Fest

#### Thanksgiving Weekend:

The event's highlights include a series of Nordic skiing clinics, the SuperTour races, the Try It and Buy It Gear Demo (the largest public gear demo of its type) and an Indoor Ski Show. For more information contact:

Jamie Greene 406-646-9427

Yellowstone Ski Festival Coordinator  
West Yellowstone Chamber, PO Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758,  
[info@yellowstoneskifestival.com](mailto:info@yellowstoneskifestival.com) or  
<http://www.yellowstoneskifestival.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.

## Chicken Springs Trails Work Party:

With the rainy, snowy and windy weather on September 21 and 22, we canceled the planned September 22 overnight at the junction of the Chicken Springs trail and Palisades Creek trail and opted for a one day work party on the 23rd. The six IAC volunteers, Ned Rockwell, Theresa Meachum, Bob and Marie Tyler, Ken and Sammy Krivanek, and Alan Crockett met Dave Woodcock at the trailhead at 7:30AM. The volunteers hiked the 6.1 miles (Dave rode his horse and trailed a mule) to the junction of the two Chicken Springs trails. Although the Palisades Creek trail was muddy and there were lots of puddles, the day was glorious with comfortably cool temperatures, no wind, sun, snow covered mountain tops and great fall colors. Unfortunately, the heavy wet snow on full foliated trees had taken its toll on the trees and we had to do a lot of trail clearing by hand and with chainsaw to reach the lower lake. After lunch, one group put in a new switchback on the lower end of the Chicken Springs Ridge trail while the other group marked 0.6 miles of the Chicken Springs Creek trail with blazes and signs. While we didn't accomplish as much as desired because of the weather, we did get the Palisades Creek trail cleared which was not scheduled, one of the two sections of trail rerouted and about 1/2 of the trail marking completed.

## **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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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)

## **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.

**Geocaching** is a fun way to get out 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](http://www.geocaching.com)

**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)

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

**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:*

**Idaho Alpine Club**

**P.O. Box 2883**

**Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883**

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

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.

**IAC MEMBERSHIPS ARE GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE HARD TO BUY FOR.**

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