

# Southern Idaho Climbing Coalition

## 2022 Annual Report

### SICC Board:

Chair - Steve Dodd  
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Treasurer - Tyler McOmber  
Maintenance - Tony Roberts  
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### Our Mission:

“To promote climbing, provide a resource for responsible development and conservation of climbing areas, and to encourage the etiquette, education, and safety of the Southern Idaho climbing community.”

### Thoughts from the Chair:

Well it's been a strange couple of years. However, as I reflect on what we've accomplished as an organization, I am impressed. I like to think of SICC as a way of accomplishing what individuals could not, and by that metric we've been incredibly successful. Here's a brief recap of accomplishments from the past year:

- **Community:** Hosted six community get-togethers including the Fall BBQ at City Park, Christmas Party at Gemstone, Reel Rock Movie Night in February, two Climber Meet-ups this Spring at Dierkes, and “SICC in the City” and Climbing 101 Clinic at Castle Rock State Park in June.
- **Maintenance:** Completed the majority of rebolting maintenance in the Big Cave at the Shoshone Lava Tubes. Any bolt with a permadraw attached is now a high quality glue-in, perfectly suited for the vesicular (it's a real word!) basalt in the cave. A special thank you to all the volunteers that replaced dozens of bolts over 4 days during the Memorial Day weekend.
- **Adopt-A-Crag:** Cleaned up a massive amount of broken glass and random garbage at the Midway Adopt-A-Crag event last October. While I wouldn't run around the base

barefoot just yet, we left it in much better shape than we found it. We also participated in the North Canyon Park Cleanup in April, and got to do some high angle trash pick up

- **Etiquette and Collaboration:** Over 200 wag bags have been utilized in our second season of having dispensers at various Fins areas (Lower Corral, Mortal Earth, The Headwall). This joint effort was made possible through coordination with the Eastern Idaho Climber's Coalition, Access Fund, and a generous donation from Longleaf Wilderness Medicine.
- Attended the **Future of Fixed Anchors** conference hosted by Access Fund and held at the PETZL training facility in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **Contributed \$2,000 toward** the **Sheridan Ranch** conservation acquisition in conjunction with the **Access Fund** and **Conservation Fund**. This will become part of the City of Rocks and add a new trailhead in Graham Canyon.

## Looking Ahead:

With the disturbing trend of crag closures looming (read up on Massacre Rocks if you're unfamiliar), we need to be diligent as a user group to maintain positive relationships with land managers and land owners. The North Rim of the Snake River Canyon represents a large development opportunity, and not just for routes.

## What can you do?

This is **your** climbing organization. Voice your opinion!

- If you see a bad bolt, let us know.
- Going to the Fins? Grab some bags. Stocking dispensers is entirely done by volunteers.
- Want to learn how to replace bolts? Attend a clinic.
- Want to get more involved? We have open sessions at board meetings and you can volunteer for a committee.
- Just want to climb and meet other climbers? Keep coming to our events!
- Demonstrate crag etiquette and good stewardship on lands.

Have fun out there. Represent climbing well. Smile. Wave. Don't be a jerk.

Your humble chair,  
Steve Dodd