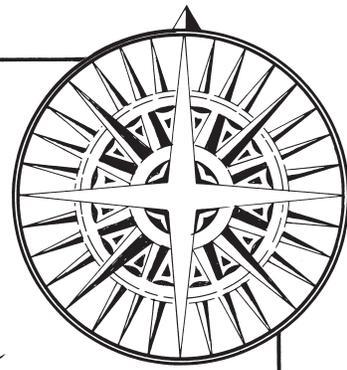




# Compass

## THE BOULDER GROUP NEWSLETTER



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### Editor's Brief Note

Controversy: that describes what is going on inside the CMC at the moment, if I may be so bold. Though members do not need to be involved, please know that the leaders of the CMC, at the state and local levels, are striving to better serve you, our membership — not least in the interest of simple survival! Much of the controversy is driven by a shrinking membership in the face of other outdoor opportunities. There is, moreover, a struggle for direction of the Club's mission from within. I draw your attention to the 2007 budget graphs on page 5; note the imbalance of what the Compass brings in and what it costs. The Council is considering future emailing of this publication to save costs and/or reducing the number of annual issues. Before

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### Profile Conclusion: Mark Scott-Nash

*Editor's Note: This month we conclude our interview with Mark, which began in the January issue. You can read previous Compass issues online if you missed it.*

*Compass: So would you say that CMC training is a good credential for joining any expedition?*

Mark: Once you go beyond what the CMC teaches, even after AMS, which we call advanced level, it's really not at the top level of mountaineering. You can do winter camping, you can climb a mountain like Rainier, or the Mexican volcanoes, or peaks in Ecuador, or Aconcagua, but for the really big, difficult expeditions you need to do some of these smaller expeditions to get an idea how all that works. You can't really teach that in Colorado. If you go to a foreign country, there's a list of issues right there, beyond the climbing. But once you get to a mountain, mountains are mountains. Some of them are very high, and covered with glaciers, it slows you down and takes longer. But Long's Peak, if you want to train for Denali, has some of the worst weather in the country. Even Denali, according to Himalayan climbers, and I agree with them, has some of the worst weather in the world. So those two steps right there can get you on your way to a Himalayan trip.

There's a few things we don't do in the CMC, like aid climbing, or big wall climbing. That's more a function of who's available to teach it. All these

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### State Board Considers Strategic Plan

The State CMC Board of Directors is actively engaged in developing a revised strategic plan for the Club to carry it through the 100th anniversary of the club to the year 2012. The process began in May 2006 and is expected to be completed in October 2007. It is expected to be updated every three years.

The process began with CMC President, Janice Palmer's e-mail to group chairs to reflect on the appropriateness of the CMC mission statement adopted in 1912. Progress of the Strategic Planning Committee (Committee) has been reported at each of the quarterly Board meetings since, as well as at the semi-annual State Council meetings. A survey of member opinions was conducted in the Fall of 2006 and reported to the Board in January. At the Board's retreat in January 2007, the Board identified its current primary values as: Recreation, Safety, Education/Skill Building, Conservation, Member Satisfaction, and Volunteerism. The vision statement for the Club was identified as: We connect people with the Colorado Mountain experience. We are the premier membership organization providing human-powered mountain adventures that are safe, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible. At the January retreat, the Board decided not to make any revisions to the mission statement at this time. (Preliminary statewide member survey results revealed that 87% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the mission statement is relevant, appropriate and descriptive of the Club's purpose.)

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## First Aid Classes for Leaders Coming Up

“First Lead’s Wilderness First Aid with Red Cross CPR”: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, February 23 -25 and March 2 – 4. First Lead returns to CMC to conduct this powerful 3-day training – a must for anyone who ventures into the backcountry. Acquire a practical, and principle-driven array of skills, and a working command of the Patient Assessment System. Cost is \$225. To sign up, go online to [www.firstlead.com](http://www.firstlead.com), or contact Peter Muckerman at 970-729-0081.”

“Wilderness First Responder Training: Saturday, March 10 thru Sunday, March 18. This nine-day training is the medical “Gold Standard” for backcountry guides and instructors. Conducted by Peter Muckerman, WEMT, of First Lead Wilderness Medical Trainings. Cost is \$535 for CMC members, \$595 for non-members. For more information, or to sign up, go online to [www.firstlead.com](http://www.firstlead.com), or contact Peter at 970-729-0081.”

— contributed by Peter Muckerman

## Website Volunteers Needed

If you have technical programming skills for website development, please consider helping the Boulder chapter develop its website. Our new website was published about August of last year, has been a real help this past year, but we know it could be made more useful still. Proficiency in HTML, Javascript, Java, PHP or graphics design desirable. If interested, please contact the Editor, at [compass \[at\] cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass[at]cmcboulder.org). □

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The Board will meet on February 14, 2007 in Golden to follow up on the discussions held at its two-day retreat in January. The Committee then will seek additional member input as it considers revisions to the organizational structure for the state Board, state Council, groups, state committees and staff.

If you are interested in actively engaging in the process of developing the Strategic Plan, feel free to contact Peter Gowen (listed as a Boulder Group leader in the Activity Schedule).

— contributed by Peter Gowen

## Annual Climbing Closures

To protect nesting birds of prey, certain climbing areas on National Forest System lands in Boulder Canyon will be closed to all users beginning February 1. These closures protect a long-established golden eagle territory, including valuable alternate nest sites. Undisturbed access to alternate nest sites is important for birds of prey, especially early in the nesting season, to give them a chance to use different nests during courtship and to select a site for the season free of human influence.

The areas commonly known as “Eagle Rock,” “Blob Rock,” “Bitty Buttress,” and “Security Risk” will be closed to climbing and other activities. The “Security Risk Area” closure for 2007 includes Upper and Lower Security Risk. Happy Hour, Bihedral, and Riviera remain open. These areas are located along State Highway 119 and approximately one and one-half miles east of Boulder Falls.

Signs will be posted at key access points into the closed areas. Closures are effective from February 1 through July 31. Volunteers and Forest Service personnel will monitor the areas, and some areas may be reopened prior to July 31. For the most current closure information, check signs in the vicinity, or visit the Boulder Ranger District web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf/recreation/rock-climbing/brd/index.shtml>. □

— contributed by Doug Skiba,  
State CMC Conservation Development  
and Outreach Coordinator

## Profile: Mark Scott-Nash

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schools were started by people who really knew the kinds of things they were doing, and wanted to get a school going. Then they had to build up a base of instructors; it’s really hard to do that.

*Compass: Yes, I’m sure it depends on who’s around that wants to do it. But about foreign trips, I saw a slide show once you did on Nepal; where have you been overseas?*

Mark: I’ve been on fourteen, or twelve,

overseas trips – because I don’t want to say thirteen! We’ve been to the Andes, Chile, Argentina, Peru and Bolivia. Haven’t been to Ecuador, would like to go. There’s a lot of climbing in Argentina beside Aconcagua. I’ve been to

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making such a radical move, the Council approved creation of a forum on the website for your input. To contribute, browse to [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org), then click on the menu item ‘Group’, then ‘Forums’; the first forum will be ‘Future Direction of the Compass’. You will need to register, but your input is vital to our future direction as an organization; please make your voice heard!

— the Editor

## Volunteers Needed

### Mailing Party: Thursday, March 22

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the April Compass! This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club. The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, March 22, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information. □

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

**April issue deadline: March 11**

## Consolidated Club Budget Comes Together

The CMC Boulder group consolidated its finances between the BMS section and the Council this year; see graphs below. This was an important development for club unity. Years ago, BMS finances were split off from the Council to be more efficient. However, over the years it lessened communication between these two major arms of the Boulder chapter, to the point they were functioning almost autonomously. In fact, the BMS would report its own annual financial

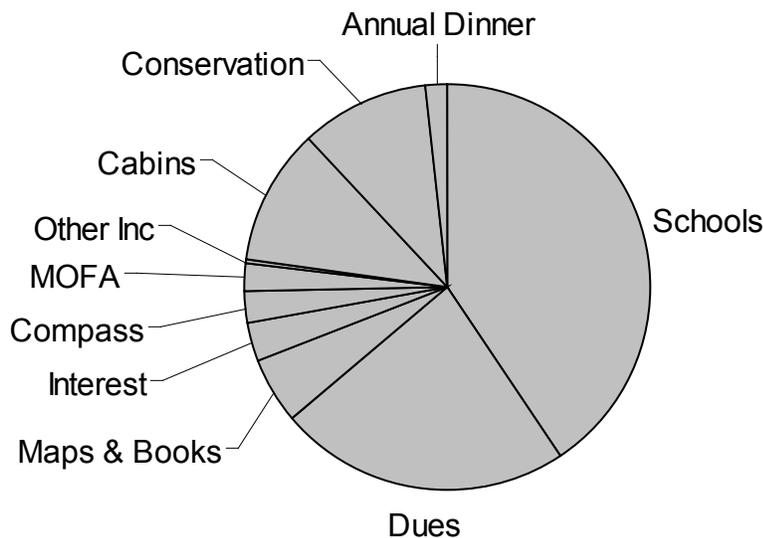
statements separately to the state office. Because BMS is actually subordinate to the Council in our by-laws, and because the situation was fostering a divided culture within the club, it was decided to consolidate the financial reporting to the state, and to consolidate the budget and approve it as a whole. Also, a BMS representative has resumed attending all monthly Council meetings to maintain communication between the two branches. More details on the budget breakdown can be found on the website. I thought these pie charts would give you an idea of how funds are used.

— contributed by Rick Casey

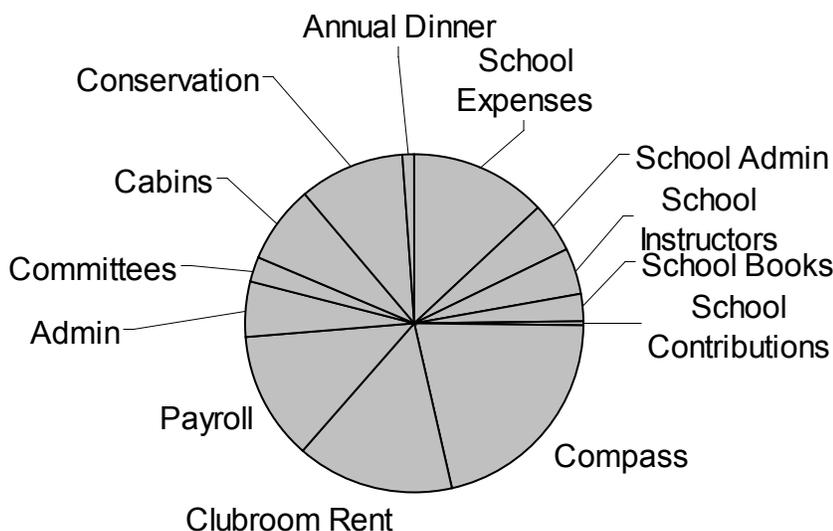
### 2007 CMC Boulder Budget breakdown

prepared by Paul Culnan with assistance from Carol Kotchek

#### Budgeted 2007 Income - \$43,710



#### Budgeted 2007 Expenses - \$40,405



## Profile: Mark Scott-Nash

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Alaska four times, two times to Denali and two times to Mt Logan. Those are very similar trips but I highly recommend Logan over Denali. Same kind of mountain, not as high, but it's harder. And there's not as many people, so it's more of a mountaineering experience. Denali is pretty much follow the leader all the way to the top.

I summited the first time I went. The second time just Shelly and I went, on the same route, the West Buttress. We got to 17,000 feet but the weather was so bad, I don't think anybody summited until we left Alaska; it was just a bad season. We got close...

The Himalayas: I've been there five times. Two times on 8,000 meter peaks. I was on Makalu in '94, and the interesting thing about that climb was we were the only expedition on the mountain. We were climbing without sherpas, and I was climbing with a bunch of people who were the 'Thin Air' book – Anatoli [Bookarev], [Neil] Beidleman...

Compass: And Krakauer?

Mark: No, not [Jon] Krakauer. He never did any big Himalayan peak before Everest. And Scott Fisher. And a couple of other people, not as well known, but a tight group of Americans climbing in the Himalayas. That was a great expedition because I really learned a lot from Anatoli about how to climb. If you looked at his record, people had never heard of him before this Everest thing [in 1996] because he was a Russian; he was an unknown. Before then, no one in the Soviet Union was allowed to climb in the Himalayas. Then they got a team together. One of the great feats he did was to traverse all four summits of Kachenchunga. Kachenchunga is this gigantic mountain, the third highest mountain in the world, but there are four summits over 8000 meters. And they traversed it! They went over the top, and camped, then went over the top of the next one, and camped, and so on – I think it took them a week, after they had acclimated. He was on a professional climbing team,

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## March 2007 Trips

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### Saturday, March 3

#### Sourdough Trail

##### Mod. II Ski Tour

Take Sourdough trail south to Wapiti, and Baptiste trails and return on Sourdough. Ward. 6/1,500'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Steve Priem, (303) 499-9024. (Trip#35838)

#### Deer Creek Mod. III Ski Tour

From Montezuma, ski on a snow-covered road bed along Deer Creek (near Webster Pass) Continue above treeline (about 12,300 ft) to the head of the valley and some good open slopes. Climbing skins recommended for last pitch to the divide. Good tele terrain on top. Montezuma. 9/2,000'. 140 mi. Register with leader. Peter Gowen,

### Sunday, March 4

#### Blue Lake (Indian Peaks) Mod. III Ski Tour

For fast and easy trails, ski past Brainard Lake, then head uphill to Mitchell Lake through the trees. Proceed over open meadows to Blue Lake and have fun on the way down. Ward. 10/1,240'. Register with leader. David U Longenecker, (303) 440-7023. (Trip#35852)

#### Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic Field Trip (Ski)

##### Peak Skiing

Field trip #3 of Tele/AT backcountry ski clinic. Students will plan and ski a peak. Optional overnite trip. For registered participants only. Register with leader. Cindy Gagnon,

(303) 938-8564. (Trip#35918)

### Tuesday, March 6

#### AT/Ski Mountaineering School

##### Lecture (Ski)

##### Lecture #1

The AT/Ski Mountaineering School (offered in conjunction with the Denver Group) is designed to acquaint CMC members with the skills, attitudes, and awareness needed for ski mountaineering tours, such as 13'er and 14'er ski descents in Colorado, and ski traverses

such as the Haute Route in the Alps or the Wapta Traverse in Canada. Participants should be proficient on backcountry equipment (randonee skis, telemark skies, or split snowboards) and should be able to confidently handle "Black" slopes at ski resorts. The goal of the course is to prepare CMC members to make the transition from skiing groomed slopes at resorts to touring the off-piste environment in the mountains. The school consists of 3 lectures (3/6, 3/13, 3/20) and five field trips (Mar 25/26, Apr 8/9, Apr 22/23, May 5/6, May 20-22). Applications will be available at the 11/6/06 BMS Winter Clinics Overview. Applications can also be found at [www.cmcboulder.org](http://www.cmcboulder.org). Application deadline is Feb 15. \$\$ Lecture #1 topics include overview of school and gear. Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cindy Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35939)

### Thursday, March 8

#### South Trail Easy II Ski Tour

We'll ski both in and out the easy South Trail Ward. 6/400'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#35856)

### Friday, March 9

#### Wind Ridge II Climb

##### Wind Tower 5.6

##### Eldorado Canyon

Climb this 3 star climb on the Wind Tower in Eldorado Canyon. gsch [at] frii.net, 970-481-1048. Gary Schmidt, (970) 481-1048. (Trip#35888)

### Sunday, March 11

#### Shrine Mt Loop

##### Adv. II Ski Tour

From Vail Pass parking area, ski to the top of Shrine Mtn. Ski off the north side for a 1900 ft tree and powder run to the Shrine Pass Rd. Climb the road 1300 ft to Black Lakes Ridge for another 800 ft tree and powder run before returning on the Black Lakes Rd. Strong tele/downhill skills, climbing skins, avalanche gear and headlamp required. DN advance ski classification or previous CMC advance

ski trips required. Limit 8. Call leader only between 9 am and 9 pm.

Trail Mileage (RT): 10

Elevation Gain: 2600 Driving Distance

(RT): 200. Leader: Steven Haymes

Home phone: 303-444-4765

Map(s): Vail Pass/Redcliff

(Trip ID: 35825)

### Monday, March 12

#### CMC/South and Little Raven Trails Mod. I Ski Tour

We'll ski in on the easy South Trail and return by the Little Raven trail. Ward. 7/800'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#35857)

### Tuesday, March 13

#### AT/Ski Mountaineering School

##### Lecture #2

Topics include avalanche safety and assessment. Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cindy Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35936)

### Saturday, March 17

#### Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat

##### Moderate A Hike

The Saturday Social is a half-day hike with a social spirit and a sweaty end. We then try to warm up over some coffee or lunch. We meet at the Boulder CMC clubroom. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. and help decide our destination. Come prepared to hike in any weather. Register with leader. Marilyn Fellows, (303) 499-6099. (Trip#35867)

#### Atlantic Peak (13,841')

##### Class C-E

Snowshoe up Mayflower Gulch. Around treeline we'll gain a fun and picturesque ridge leading all the way to the top. Ice axe and BMS required. Copper Mtn/Breckenridge. 8/2,800'. 180 mi. Jack Zuzack 303-447-8898.

### Sunday, March 18

#### Lake Helene 10,900'

##### Mod. Snowshoe

From Bear Lake trailhead snowshoe past Marigold Pond and Two Rivers Lake to Lake Helene nestled below dramatic

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## March 2007 Trips

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Notchtot. McHenry's Pk. 6/1,215'. Louie Genduso, (303) 518-8948. (Trip#35873)

### Tuesday, March 20

AT/Ski Mountaineering School

Lecture #3 (Ski)

Topics include route selection and ascending/descending techniques. Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cindy Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35935)

### Thursday, March 22

Peaceful Valley

Mod. I Ski Tour

Ski up the Middle St Vrain past Camp Dick and return. 8/800'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#35858)

### Saturday, March 24

Calypso II Climb

Wind Tower 5.6

Eldorado Canyon

Dance up a face (or cop out to the chimney), and dihedrals on this sustained Eldorado three-star classic. Gary Schmidt, gsch [at] frii.net, 970-481-1048. (Trip#35887)

### Saturday-Sunday, March 24-March 25

AT/Ski Mountaineering School

Adv. I Ski Tour, Field Trip 1

A 1-day ski tour and field instruction.

Tentative location: Cameron Pass Topics: avalanche awareness & beacon practice. Cindy Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35937)

### Tuesday, March 27

Hiking 1 Lecture

Wilderness Survival

Lecture #1

Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the outdoors? What are the ten essentials and why do we need them? This course covers trip planning, essential equipment, and wilderness survival techniques including fire and shelter. Lectures: Tuesdays 3/27 & 4/3 Field trip: 4/7-8 weekend (either sat

or sun) Sign-ups begin at the 2/27 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup. Meet at CMC Boulder Group Club Room 6:30 pm. Phil Congdon, (303) 926-1408. (Trip#37222)

### Saturday, March 31

Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat

Moderate A

The Saturday Social is a half-day hike with a social spirit and a sweaty end. We then try to

warm up over some coffee or lunch. We meet at the Boulder CMC clubroom.

Please arrive at

9:00 a.m. and help decide our destina-

tion. Come prepared to hike in any weather. Register with leader. Debbie Tewell, (720) 304-9572. (Trip#35877)

James Peak 13,294'

Adv. II Ski Tour

Free Heel Skiing Section

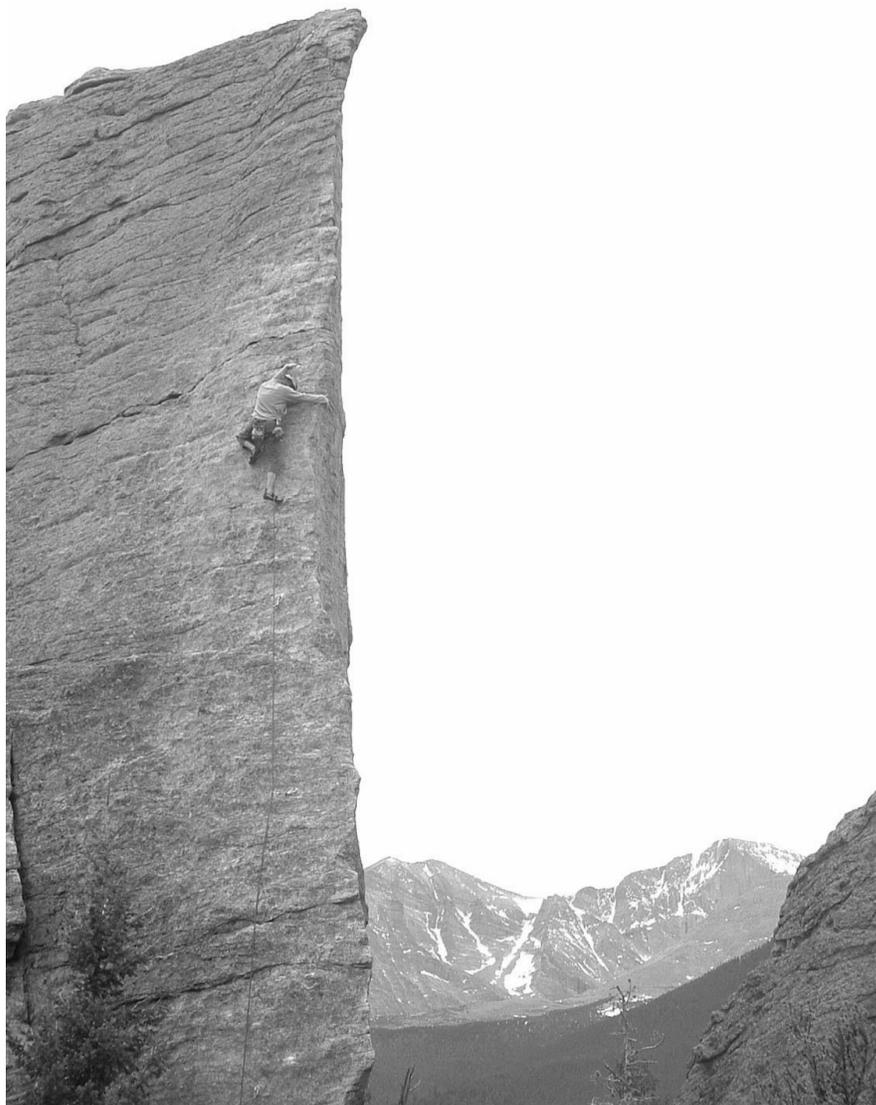
A classic Front Range high alpine tour and a relatively safe introduction to ski mountaineering. Good telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required.

Carpooling a must. Empire. 8/2,900'.

100 mi. Register with leader. Willy Gully, (303)

939-8382. (Trip#35848) □

**Action photo of the month:** Brenda Leach leading Edge Of Time, Jurassic Park, RMNP, contributed by Gary Schmidt.



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The Gore Range Group has a wonderful outing planned from April 1 -3, from Vail Pass to Edwards. Are you ready for a grand three day ski tour with full moon lit night adventure? This one has it all. Commando Run, Minturn Mile, Meadow Mountain, Stone Creek, Vail, Beaver Creek and McCoy Park - ending in the dream town of Edwards. Winter camping and strong backcountry skills a must. If your time is limited, consider joining the group on one or two of the adventure legs. Contact leader Andy Linger at 970.949.5298 or andy [at] andylinger dot com.

— contributed by Julie McCahan -  
Chair, Gore Range Group



## Profile: Mark Scott-Nash

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where they weed out other competitors. He was like a professional athlete would be here. He was just talented and really driven.

Then a couple of years later, I was on a small team. We went to Manaslu. It hadn't been summited by an American. And we got really close. Prior to us, the highest Americans had got was about 23,000, which had Gerry Roach on it, many years before us, maybe ten years before. It's not a difficult mountain to climb, but the weather's really bad there, for some reason. We had the same problem with weather, but we were able to get just a little higher. He [Gerry Roach] actually saw my slide show, and admitted, yeah, you guys got a little higher than we did. I'll take his word for it!

(laughs) Then next year it was summited by an American. But we got really dumped on. One storm, it snowed ten feet! It buried all the tents, every tent on the

mountain. We were able to dig our tents out and repair them so we could continue on. Most people had to leave after that, because their tents were just gone beyond repair. Then a couple of trips, trekking, stuff like that. So those are the ranges I've been to.

*Compass: So now what's your involvement in the CMC now? Are you pretty much retired from being involved?*

Mark: No, I'm getting more involved again. I'll probably teach some in AMS this year, then maybe BRS in the spring. I'd like to do more than I was. You know, you get kind of burned out for a while, take a vacation, then you're ready to come back.

*Compass: That's great Mark; thanks very much for the interview.* □

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