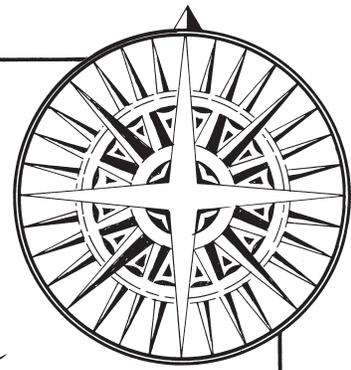




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Note from the Editor

If you had attended the February Council meeting, you would have detected a sense of urgency and purpose in the air. To my mind, the BCMC is poised to make some strides this year in delivering better service to you, our members.

First, there was the introduction of a new volunteer for our webmaster, Brian Skahan. Brian moved out to Colorado just last year with his wife, and comes with a great technical background to help us with the website; more on that later in the year.

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Attention Trip Leaders: Important Trip Submission Update

The Trail and Timberline Activity Schedule which used to be published twice a year is now in a new format and is being published quarterly. The next published issue will be coming out May 1st and will include trips until the end of August with a trip submission publication deadline of March 16th. It is always a good idea to have your trip published in this publication as it reaches the whole club. You may enter your trips online (preferred) or email trip descriptions to the appropriate leader listed. Our goal as a club is to try and double the number of trips this year so I am asking everyone to please consider entering in more trips, even if it is just one more than you normally would. One tip is to try and submit trips you would love to do anyways. We truly appreciate and are so thankful for all trips! Also at the present moment we are short of trips for the months of March and April. Remember that you can enter a trip any time online by logging on to www.cmc.org and clicking on the "Leader" link in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Trips will be reviewed for approval very quickly and will also be highlighted in the Compass and GPS if possible. Trips Schedulers are: AB Trips: Danielle Lewis, lewisde25@gmail.com 719-332-8618; C/D: Chris Glascock, the14erclimber@comcast.net 720-887-5964; RockTrips: Gary Schmidt, gscsch@frii.net, 970-481-1048; Ice Climbs: Andrew Halperin, ahalper@cisco.com, 720-562-6740; Ski Trips: Patricia Butler, butler@csd.net, 303-440-0586. If you have questions or need help with the

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Compass interview: Alan Delamere



Alan participating recently in one of his outdoor passions, cross-country ski racing

Editor's Note: This month's interview is with Alan Delamere, a pillar of the local club. He and his wife, Sheila, have been contributing their time and energy to the BCMC for nearly forty years — and still going strong! Alan served as Boulder chair 1977-78 and State President in 1980.

Compass: So, Alan, how did you come to join the CMC?

Alan: We came to Boulder in 1967. [Editor's note: this was originally from England, then via Canada] Of course, the reason we came here was the Rocky Mountains. We'd only been here a couple of weeks (this is where your story really begins) and were going up Green Mountain. Two hikers, Don Kava and Kurt Gerstle, were coming down and we stopped to talk to them. Don had a Colo-

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Chairs Report

Editor's Note: These are essentially concise summaries of the significant parts of the Council meetings. For those interested, they may show a way that you can potentially contribute to the Club.

Chair's Report

The following are the highlights of activities in the Boulder Group over the last month:

* Save this date! We've reserved the Avalon in Boulder for our Annual Dinner on Saturday, 11/1. Ingvar Sodal is our helpful liaison to the Avalon.

* Kudos to Otto Verdoner and Peter Gowen for the time and energy they've put into working with the US Forest Service to waive the annual fee for the cabins' special use permit.

* The Boulder Group is teaming up with the CMC Press to publish a Boulder area hiking book. Jim Groh is leading the project and he's looking for volunteers.

* Progress continues to be made on improving the trip leader approval process, but our work continues. The improvements include relaxed trip co-leader requirements to make it easier for leaders to find co-leaders and for co-leaders to find trips to co-lead; improved process, documentation and accountability in approving trip leaders; and better approval of experienced rock trip leaders. Tom Wilson, Gary Schmidt and myself are leading the implementation with input from Seth Allen, Tonya Riggs, Cindy Gagnon and the Boulder Group Council. Donna Marino has volunteered to help develop a media-based portion of the Leadership Seminar to work in conjunction with the face-to-face leadership scenarios. Details to come. We also look forward to a future website implementation with the help of Rick Casey, Brian Skahan and Brenda Linfield.

* How many times have we been out on the trail talking to someone about the CMC and thought that a business card would be handy? Nickie Kelly has created business cards for Council members, trip leaders and instructors.

* Kirsten Kindt and Susan Flack have submitted entries for our classes and membership orientation to the Keeper Issue of the Rocky Mountain Sports, the Daily Camera Get Out! section and the Boulder Magazine's e-newsletter.

* Gail Blandford and Carol Kotchek have finalized the BMS and Council budgets for the fiscal year 2008.

* Our new GPS Editor, Gabi Pfister, has improved the GPS with better highlighting of our trips and classes.

* I just wanted to say thanks to Rick Casey for all of the contributions that he's made to the Boulder Group over the last several years. Rick has been the Compass Editor since around May 2005 and has been very active with the Boulder Group Council. As I understand it, Rick will continue to volunteer as an instructor and trip leader for the Boulder Group and we welcome that.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Leach
Boulder Group Chair □

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Next, the trip leader and instructor approval improvements continue (see page 1 & Chairs Report). Other good signs are a great BMS Instructors Party coming up (see Activities), and the best deal ever on a first aid/CPR course (see page 5). These were the highlights, but there were so many earnest efforts at different levels, from a new cabins team effort, to business cards for trip leaders; it just felt fun! I hope you will notice it by better classes, trips and website. Finally, I would still call your attention to the call for a new Editor under Volunteers Needed; the search continues! As always, your comments are encouraged.

— the Editor

CMC Orientation, March 19

For new or prospective members. Come join with other outdoor enthusiasts for information on hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and more; free; 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday; BCMC Clubroom. Details: (303) 554-7688; cmcboulder.org BRING A FRIEND!

New GPS Editor

Gabrielle (Gabi) Pfister has taken over as the editor of the weekly e-newsletter, the GPS. Gabi also volunteers as a BRS instructor. To subscribe to the GPS or submit an entry, send an email to gps@cmcboulder.org. Welcome Gabi! □

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online system please contact the appropriate leader or email Gary Schmidt at gscsh@frii.net.

— submitted by Gary Schmidt,
Outings Chair

Volunteers Needed

New Compass Editor Needed

The search is on for a new editor for the Compass. This could be your chance at an exciting, challenging and stimulating opportunity to learn valuable journalistic skills "on the job" in a position that is central to the information clearinghouse for the Boulder CMC. Applicants should have some experience with the Club, the responsibility to deliver a monthly newsletter, and a desire to help the Club grow; some computer acumen helpful. If interested, please send an email to compass@cmcboulder.org. □

Mailing Party: March 20

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the March 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 20, 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.

March 2008 Trips & Activities

To view CMC Trips online:

- ▶ Browse to cmc.org
- ▶ Login with your CMC member number and password. (If you forget your password, click the 'Forgot Your Password?' link to have it emailed to you. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code. See page 34 of the Activity Schedule; or call the office at (303) 279-3080x2)
- ▶ Click on 'Trip Signup' in left margin
- ▶ Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- ▶ Examine the list for trip of interest & click see Details.
- ▶ Click Register
- ▶ Contact the leader by phone or email for Boulder trips; for Denver trips, you may register online.

Editor's Note: only Boulder CMC trips are listed here, along with selected CMC social events, usually at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. There are many more trips listed online for all the CMC, particularly through the Denver group.

Saturday, March 1

Wild Irishman Mine
Easy III Ski Tour
Leader: Reed Bailey 303-499-3731
rbc@privatei.com
Carol Saunders 303-499-3731
saunders@comcast.net Trip#3517

Deer Creek
Mod. III Ski Tour
Leader: Peter Gowen 303-494-5420
PJGowen@comcast.net Trip#3493

Snowshoe Ecology Walks in Rocky Mountain National Park
12:30-2:20pm. Ranger led snowshoe in RMNP sponsored by Shining Mountains Group. (970) 586-1206

Sunday, March 2

Vail Pass-Shrine Mountain-Red Cliff
Mod. II Ski Tour with difficult downhill
Leader: Steven Haymes 303-444-4765
Trip#3285

Wednesday, March 5

Eckart Roder Education Fund Annual Dinner, 6pm
Potluck with \$15 admission
Olga Kopcha

olgakopcha@cmc.org
303-966-2764

Saturday, March 8

Sourdough Trail
Mod. II Ski Tour
Leader: Steve Priem 303-449-0577
s.priem@yahoo.com Trip#3676

Wednesday, March 12

"Journey to The Soul" a presentation by legendary climber Henry Barber
6:30pm, AMC in Golden. \$7 CMC members. For more information:
<http://cmcschools.org/temp/Barber.htm>
or 303-279-3080 ext. 2.

Saturday, March 15

Reggae III Climb
Wind Tower 5.8
Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048
gsch@frii.net Trip#4068

Brainard Cabin
Special Overnight Ski Hut Trip
Easy Downhill
Leader: Peter Gowen 303-494-5420
PJGowen@comcast.net Trip#4044

BMS Instructor Pizza and Drinks Party

The Boulder Mountaineering Schools (BMS) are seeking both new and returning instructors for the upcoming spring/summer mountaineering schools. The school offers instructor training on the mountaineering topics, leadership training, and specialized rescue training only available to instructors. All groups will have an experienced senior instructor working with new assistant instructors. The schools have been undergoing remodeling in the past couple of seasons and is now more modular so instructors can teach their favorite topics in smaller time commitments. Information will be available at the Instructor party and call-out on Tuesday March 11th at 7 pm at the Boulder CMC clubroom. We will have a brief information session at 7, and socializing afterwards. RSVP to bm-instructor@cmcboulder.org, but come even if you forget to RSVP. If you can't

make the meeting but would still like to instruct, please fill out the information below and send it to the email above:

- * Name:
- * email:
- * phone number:
- * mailing address:
- * your cmc member number, and

when it expires:

- * if you have CPR and/or first aid training, what level, when expires:
- * if when you had CMC leadership training:
- * any comments our have to improve the schools
- * instructor training/events you can attend:

- * instructor information night/party-March 11th _____

- * instructor snow school (basic and intermediate) refresher - Sat March 15th _____

- * instructor rock school refresher (review, specialty anchors, and rope rodeo) Saturday March 22nd _____

- * rock rescue techniques (only available to instructors teaching in the current upcoming session) Sat Mar 29th _____

Presenting the one & only... Spring Equipment \$ale

The Spring Equipment \$ale will be on Friday, April 25, 6-8 pm at the AMC in the conference room on the ground floor.

SELLERS:

For each item you are selling, attach an envelope on which is printed your NAME, ITEM, SELLING PRICE, WHETHER YOU WILL ACCEPT A CHECK; attach envelope to item. All items must be tagged before bringing them to the sale. Bring your items to the AMC on Thursday, April 24, 4-7:00 pm or on Friday, April 25, after 9:00 am and no later than 5:30pm.

All unsold items must be picked up from the clubroom the night of the sale, by 8:30 pm unless prior arrangements are made with the Sale Coordinator only. Any items left after sale on Friday night will be donated. The office staff will

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retain sale envelopes for one week after the sale. Any monies not picked up by Friday, May 2, will be donated to the CMC

Any outdoor gear is appropriate for the sale, technical clothing only, no street clothes. Also no older model straight downhill skis. All monies go directly to sellers. If you want to donate the sale of your item(s) to the CMC, please note "CMC" on the envelope with the price; checks to be made payable to CMC. CMC is not liable for lost/stolen sale items or items left behind after the sale pick up deadline. It is suggested you keep a list of items in the sale to keep track.

BUYERS:

BRING VARYING BILL DENOMINATIONS OR CHECKS FOR PURCHASES; NO CHANGE-MAKING BY CMC WILL BE AVAILABLE. Doors for sale will open at 6:00 pm; no "early birds" (including sellers dropping off items).

Questions? Contact Zoe Katsulos by email (preferred) at zfoto@aol.com or phone, 303-666-7672. Thanks! □

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rado Mountain Club patch on his pack. At that time, to join the CMC you had to have two sponsors.. Kurt memorized my name and called us up a couple of weeks later to invite us to the annual dinner. That's how it started off.

I volunteered to be a co-leader the following summer. My first trip was to lead the North and South Arapaho Peaks. The reason I led it was that the leader, Bob Kamper, had a business trip. I'd never been up the Arapahos. It's non-trivial finding the route across the ridge. That was the first trip I led, and I continued to lead it for about 18 years.

Compass: I see...

Alan: In my first year in the club, I helped in the building of the Arēstua cabin. All the sections were assembled in Kurt Gerstle's yard.

Compass: Were these sections hand-carried up the trail?!

Alan: Oh no, there were conveyed by vehicles up to Yankee Doodle Lake, and

from there we used an old jeep road that put us within a reasonable reach of the site. I then got involved in Club activities fairly fanatically, and ended up chairman of the Cabins Committee; I was treasurer; vice-chair, chair [of the Boulder Group], and was President of the state organization. It was a very full involvement.

Compass: Do you remember the total number of Boulder Group members at the time?

Alan: In the early years, about 450 or so. It climbed up to about fourteen hundred and is about 1000 today.

The really important stuff was our outings. We led trips, organized trips...we had a good trip program! I was involved in scheduling at some stage, and I strong-armed some of my friends and told them they were leading trips! <laughs> And some had never led a trip before! But I never worried; I trusted them. We had just a great collection of standard trips, and people used them fairly frequently. We even had a junior group back then, with adult sponsors of junior trips. And that was quite a challenge for the adults. That was an era of great excitement, because we had a bunch of kids that were the children of members. They grew up together, joined the club together, and formed the junior group. It would decline as they all grew up and went off to college; then another wave would follow on, until, gradually, there wasn't any wave to follow.

Compass: It sounds like Boulder was a tighter community back then, to have so many active members in the club?

Alan: No, I don't think so. We were the Club for the mountains. The amount of written information available was sparse. If you wanted to climb a mountain, you picked up Ormes Guide to get a general notion of a route.

Compass: So the CMC was the only game in town, you'd say?

Alan: We had the Rocky Mountain Climbers. They were in a declining mode but the CMC was in an upcoming, strong mode. The number of people in the club who were from the university [of Colorado] was very high. The big change

that I've seen, in my lifetime, is working couples. This has reduced club activity, in my mind; when two parents are working, they don't have much spare energy.

But to get back to what the early years were like: the Brainard Cabin. Now, at some point, we decided to man the cabin full time during the winter.

Compass: Overnight, round the clock?

Alan: Yes, overnight. We did it for about three years. The first people who manned

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13 Graduate from 2008 BMS Ice Clinic

Thirteen enthusiastic students turned out for the BMS 2008 Ice Clinic. Six Volunteer instructors spent one evening introducing equipment and ice climbing techniques to the students in the clubroom. Two field trips were conducted in RMNP on January 12th and 13th. A great time was had by all! Graduating students were: Peg Flick, Jenn and Jeremy Fields, Krissy and Stuart Kaplan, Jenn Crites, Prakash Manley, Claudia Lopez, Anthony Milano, Tom Woods, Sharon Olson, Steve Walker and David Roederer. Thanks to all of the volunteer instructors: Ted Handwerk, Irina Overeem, Doug Triggs, Josh Lorton, Alan Chudnow, and clinic coordinator Kent Crites. □



Sharon Olson and Claudia Lopez ham it up on the ice

BMS Meetings

BMS Spring/Summer Courses Orientation and Sign-up

[Editor's Note: this is in late Feb but is included here due to its importance and because it was unfortunately omitted from the Feb Compass.]

Tuesday Feb 26, 2008 6:30pm

Boulder Group Clubroom

Come find out all about the Boulder Group Mountain Schools Spring/Summer Clinics including Hiking 1, Hiking 2, Basic Rock School, Basic Snow, Backpacking, Intermediate Snow, Rock Leading School and new for 2008: GPS Navigation, Sport Leading, and Alpine Rock Schools. Applications for all schools will be available. Bring your checkbook!

Boulder Group Leadership Training Seminar

Monday March 24 & Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 7-9:30pm

Boulder Group Clubroom

The seminar will include the topics Trip Guidelines, Trip Submittal Online process, Tips on how to lead a successful trip, Effective Communication skills, Crisis Management, Risk Management, and Liability Review. Leadership training is required for anyone wanting to become a trip leader in the future. All existing leaders are encouraged and welcome to attend to renew/enhance their trip leading skills. For more information or to sign up, send an email to bms@cmcboulder.org

The 2008 BMS Spring/Summer schedule is at www.cmcboulder.org/bms/spring-Schedule.html □

Want to Be a Hiking Book Writer?

CMC Boulder is organizing a team to publish a high quality book to cover the best hikes in Boulder County. The CMC press has started to publish a series of "pack guides" that cover the featured hikes accessible from the various cities of the Front Range, starting with the Fort Collins Group's entry, which will hit the bookstores and outdoor stores around April. The CMC supplies the initial

impetus, the publishing, the marketing, and the distribution. The field work, map work, writing, and photography is done by the individual teams. And it's the Boulder Group's turn! We need to form a team - the more the merrier! If you are interested please contact Jim Groh (303-604-0024, jimgroh@comcast.net) □

Wilderness First Aid & CPR Class: best deal ever!

All CMC leaders, instructors or those thinking about it: consider this seriously good deal for the required training to qualify: WHO: Instructed by Wilderness Medicine Outfitters Hosted by Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. WHAT: This 19 hour WFA/CPR class is an excellent course for those who want to be prepared and confident in their outdoor excursions. Tuition is \$179 per student which includes \$34 material and text fee. CMC members pay just \$159! WFR recertification is available. WHEN: April 18 (6-9pm), 19 & 20 (8-5) WHERE: CMC Clubroom Boulder, CO. To register send contact info, full tuition (please indicate if you are a CMC member) to Carl Weil, 2477 County Road 132, Elizabeth, CO, 80107. carl@wildernessmedicine.com (303)688-5176. □

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the cabin were John Michard and Peter Koba. (Peter has great stories about the cabin.) The reason was the high overhead it took to open up and close down the cabin. We found out that we were wearing out the stove because we had it running continuously. The maintenance costs became significant. Another reason we did this was to stop vandalism. The cabin was a major focus for all of us. We all did our turn of hosting the cabin and it has continued to this day.

Compass: Now my understanding is that the trails up to the cabin were built in the Sixties?

Alan: The first activity I got involved with, we were working a bit on the North Trail, clearing and improving it. We built the South Trail in about 1969. Then came the Little Raven trail. I obtained old Forest Service maps and an early aerial photo and found old logging roads that could be linked together. I'd go out into the woods and thrash about...but once I got the trail laid out, it was just a

matter of putting out the call for people. We had an incredible work crew. If you had an idea, you put out a call for volunteers, and people came; there was no effort whatsoever. We did this all in cooperation with the Forest Service. Our relationship with the Forest Service was absolutely superb...it was just a wonderful environment. Bob Allison, the field ranger, liked to be out in the mountains, not in his office. We'd talk, what do you think about this or that, and we'd just make things happen.

Compass: Sounds like you made agreements with a handshake?

Alan: Yes, it was completely that way. Our relationships with the Forest Service have always been good. The first major event that took place was when Don Campbell was the district ranger. He unilaterally closed the jeep roads by dumping large rocks and debris on the entrances.

Compass: This was not from a directive from the Washington office?

Alan: Nope; he just did it. There was no public inquiry or anything. It was stupid to have the terrain destroyed by jeep travel, and that was the end of it. Today things have really changed.

Now, the Bob Allison story about the
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Freeheelers' Spring Party!

Join the Colorado Mountain Club for the Sixth Annual Freeheelers' Spring Party at the Loveland Ski Area on Saturday, April 5. We'll have a barbeque at the Ptarmigan Roost cabin, located next to the top of Chair #2 in a beautiful alpine setting at 12,000 feet. Bring your appetite and \$6 for burgers, dogs, veggie burgers, salad, beer, and soda (exact change appreciated). Food will be served from 11:30 until 1:00. This event is open to all CMC members and the general public.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 3 so we know how much food to bring. We'll also need volunteers to help with hauling food and supplies up the chair lift, as well as with cooking and setup. To RSVP or for more information, go to <http://cmc.org/freeheel> or contact Ray Meng at Lindaray10@netzero.net □

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Ladakh, India CMC Trip

Trip dates: Sept 2-19, 2008

Come explore the magic of Ladakh and India! We will visit ancient Buddhist gompas, participate in the Ladakh festival, gaze in awe at the Taj Mahal, and trek in the remote Ladakh Mountains. We might even get to see the Dalai Lama speak near his home. Our trip will include a 7 day trek from Hemis to Stok, 4 days of Ladakh cultural events and a visit to Agra and the Taj Mahal. The trek ranges in altitude from 12,000 to 17,000'. We will acclimatize in Leh (11,800'), then gain altitude slowly over several days.

Trip Length: 17 days. Cost: \$4875. Costs includes: Trek, cultural activities, some meals, in-country transportation and lodging, visas, tips and airfare (roundtrip from Denver to Leh via Delhi). Final costs may vary slightly depending upon airfares and currency exchange rates.

Prerequisites: Very good physical shape, C level hiker or leaders approval, able to hike at altitude and attendance at two required training hikes. Please contact a leader for an application: Heidi or Joshua Baruch. jbbaruch@yahoo.com or (303) 413-0205. Limited to 12 plus 2 leaders.

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Forest Service: I told Bob we had too many trails that go straight into the mountains. We needed some trails that contoured the terrain. Bob took this to heart, and he initiated the Sourdough Trail. That was a really major innovation from the Forest Service.

So that's a quick summary of the early years. One of the things that's changed over the years is the way the state organization is run. Fundamentally it was run out of an old church on Alameda [in Denver]. It was a simply run organization, with the church auditorium serving as a place to hold the state meetings.

John and Marion really ran the state organization. There were a pile of volunteers that ran the Denver side of the operation. But...later, when the [American] Alpine Club decided to move to Denver [in the mid-Nineties]...they suggested combining with the CMC, and that's how we got the American Mountaineering Center [in Golden]. It was fantastic, and I've been supportive of having this real focal point.

I've been very supportive of our con-

servation programs. I'm rather bothered about the access issues, one of which is that everyone should have access to all the peaks of Colorado. Private ownership of the peaks is something that should be absolutely and thoroughly eliminated. I feel strongly that our conservation efforts should be directed towards the access to the peaks of Colorado.



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