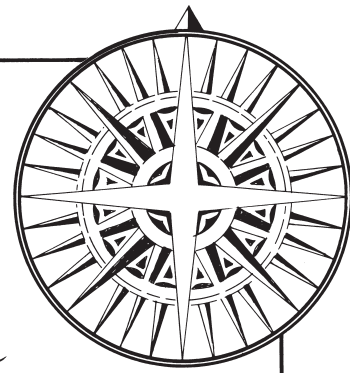




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Trip Leader Reports Go Online

The Boulder Council voted unanimously at their monthly meeting on January 11 to change how Trip Leaders will report their trips. Effective immediately, trip leaders should now use the state website to schedule and file their trip reports; the paper forms formerly used will be discontinued. The Outings Chair, Gary Schmidt, sent an email message to all trip leaders informing them of this change shortly after the meeting. This article is to inform the member readership in the spirit of transparency of a volunteer organization, where all members are kept equally informed of developments that could affect them.

The reasons for this change had been building for some time. Boulder was the only CMC group that still used printed forms for filing trip reports, and the process had become cumbersome and labor intensive; consequently, the state office informed the Boulder Group in September 2009 that it was withdrawing its support of this procedure, and that they would no longer key in the printed forms for the Boulder Groups' trips.

Given the advantages of using the online system, the Boulder Council is advising all Trip Leaders to begin using this new system for filing their trip reports. The trip leaders will be supported in learning

how to use the new system from demonstration sessions in the clubroom, if there is any demand for it; additionally, new documentation will be added to the Boulder website with detailed instructions on exactly how to use the state system. And, of course, the 20 per cent Neptune discount coupon for trip leaders will still be issued. Please look for further announcements regarding possible trip report demonstration sessions in the weekly GPS.

~submitted by Rick Casey

Boulder Mountain Schools' Spring Session

This Spring, the Boulder Group will be offering the following courses: Hiking 1, Hiking 2, Basic Rock, Basic Snow, GPS, Backpacking, Rock Leading, and Intermediate Snow. We will also be offering the ever-popular Basic Mountaineering School, which is actually a series of courses: Hiking 1 & 2, Basic Rock, Basic Snow and Intermediate Snow. Signup for all schools begins Monday, March 1. For more information on all schools, please go to our website at www.cmcboulder.org/bms/index.html or contact bms@cmcboulder.org

Instructors Wanted for Spring BMS Session

The Spring Session of the Boulder Mountain Schools is looking for instructors to help teach any of our courses. The course schedule can be found online at www.cmcboulder.org/bms/index.html. We will also be offering a number of training sessions during the month of March for our instructors. For more information, please contact bms@cmcboulder.org.



WeekDAY Warrior hiking group at Dowdy Draw. Front: Roy Knoedler, Ellen Flannelly, Caryl Shields. Rear: Dick Munro, Holly Freeman, Deb Tewell, Jean Aschenbrenner, Jim Groh, Susan Flack

Winter Schools Update:

The Boulder group still has openings for the winter advanced schools, including National Ski Patrol Avalanche Level II (Lectures: 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 3/2 & 3/3: 6-10pm and Field Trips: 2/28, 3/6, 3/7) and the Ski Mountaineering School which focuses on advance skiing of peaks in Colorado (Lectures: 3/32, 3/9, 3/16 and Field Trips: 3/13 or 3/14, 3/27 or 3/28, 4/17 or 4/18, 5/1 or 5/2, and 5/15-17). Please check the website for more details or contact Cindy Gagnon at bms@cmcboulder.org for more details.

New Museum Exhibit

THIN AIR: An Exhibit on Altitude and Oxygen is open at the American Mountaineering Museum. Explore the effects of altitude and how mountaineers survive high on the mountain! Hear and see interviews with high altitude mountaineers and physiologists! Come explore the history of oxygen use in the mountains, oxygen systems and participate in fun experiments! See the museum website: <http://www.mountaineeringmuseum.org>

Chair's Report

My fingers are a bit stiff as I type this -- the entirely acceptable side effect of having taken advantage of the MLK weekend's fine weather by heading for Eldo and doing some rock climbing (thanks, Clint Locks, for showing me the way up Touch and Go to Anthill Direct!) Greetings, fellow CMCers. Your new Boulder Group Council has been formally seated and is at work and eager to do our jobs as the leaders among our numerous faithful and hard-working volunteers. A quick word about myself: I joined the CMC in 1971 as a CU undergraduate having climbed Long's Peak my first week in Colorado the year before. Over the years, I took advantage of jobs located around our fine state to ascend all our 14ers and to enjoy the winters by heading to the back-country for pin-binding adventures. Since enrolling in BMS in 1998, rock-climbing has been my sport of choice. And now I'm enjoying giving back to the club that has given so much to me.

I have found out quickly that CMC is complex, multi-faceted, still transitioning to the computer-era and is almost entirely dependent on the freely given energies of our volunteers. We have some big tasks ahead. Maintaining or growing membership and boosting the level of trip participation are perennial goals of our organization. Regarding membership, Boulder has done relatively well among the several CMC groups but has still seen a disturbing even if ever so slight downward trend. On the other hand, Cindy Gagnon reports that participation in the group's winter schools remains high.

Whatever the magnitude of club activity and participation, this year we have a major new challenge: finding a replacement clubroom. Our lease at 633 S. Broadway, Unit N expires at the end of next year. We need a new place by January of 2012. We have formed an ad hoc committee to explore options and to begin talking with potential landlords. That committee is being headed up by Dick Munro, immediate past chair. That fact underscores a real strength of the Boulder Group: continuity of leadership and commitment by people who really care. Here's another example: Brenda Leach, our chair in 2008, has agreed to be Assistant Director for the Basic Rock

School this spring, and then will be Director in the fall. She will take over from Steve Poulsen who, in 2010, will complete his fourth consecutive year as BRS director. Thanks, Steve and thank you Dick and Brenda for giving so much. In future columns, I will share news about other major work items facing the Council. In the meantime, I would welcome any input you would care to provide as we go about setting our priorities. As volunteers, with limited resources of time and dollars, we need to be strategic in where we put our energies. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fernandez

Boulder Group Chair

Nine Graduate from 2010 BMS Ice Clinic

Nine enthusiastic students turned out for the BMS 2010 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 16th and 17th. A great time was had by all! Graduating students were: Heather LaBash, Jessica Perkins, Cary Reeves, Dan Hadley, Gigi Gina Terinoni, Steve Clark, Roger Drake, Will Sidebotham and Alex Flournoy. Thanks to all of the volunteer instructors: Ted Handwerk, Irina Overeem, Prakash Manley, Alan Chudnow, Rick Casey and clinic coordinator Kent Crites.



Gigi Gina Terinoni hams it up on the ice

Thirsty Thursdays!

Thirsty 3RD Thursday at the American Mountaineering Museum! \$2 beers, prizes, live music and fun in the museum! Every 3rd Thursday! Visit <http://www.mountaineeringmuseum.org> for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities!

To volunteer call the clubroom or email clubroom@cmcboulder.org

Clubroom Hosts Needed

Clubroom Hosts are needed Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm

Winter Wild Work

Boulder County Parks and Open space are looking for volunteers to do "Winter Wild Work". There are numerous programs for volunteers. Applications found at www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org or call 303-678-6222.

New Compass Editor and GPS Editor Wanted

The Boulder CMC is in need of a new Compass editor and a new GPS editor. Gain valuable skills while filling key positions in the Boulder Club. If interested please email chair@cmcboulder.org.

Wanted: Your Stories!

The Compass newsletter wants to hear from you! Please consider sharing your personal stories or consider writing an article of interest for a future issue. Email compass@cmcboulder.org.

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

February 2010 Trips & Activities

Editor's note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible for trips to be changed or posted after this issue goes to press. Please check online for current trip status, to see club trip policies, or to learn about becoming a trip leader: cmcboulder.org/Trips.

To view trips online and register:

- ▶ Browse to www.cmc.org
- ▶ Login with your CMC member number and password. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code.
- ▶ Click on 'Trip Signup' in left margin
- ▶ Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- ▶ To register, click Register
- ▶ For Boulder trips, you must contact the leader by phone (preferred) or email; for Denver trips, you may register online.
- ▶ Schools require previous signup. Info at www.cmcboulder.org

Wednesday, February 3

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Lecture

This course will cover basic backcountry/peak skiing safety skills for the Colorado backcountry including survival skills, survival skiing and peak skiing/navigation. Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net

Saturday, February 6

Coney Flats, Easy III Ski Tour

From Beaver Reservoir ski up the gently-sloping road to either the magnificent views or ferocious winds of Coney Flats. Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 butler@csd.net

Lost Lake to Guinn Mtn., Mod. III Ski

From the town of Eldora ski west to Lost Lake; ascend on mining trails to Guinn Mtn; discuss route to Guinn Mtn hut; return to Lost Lake and town of Eldora. Steve Priem 303-499-0577 s.priem@yahoo.com

Iceberg Lakes, Adv. II Ski Tour, Black Downhill, Moderate pace

From East Portal, ski on-trail to Arapaho Creek, continue off-trail to Crater Lakes, then past some small avalanche slopes to Clayton Lake, then continue above tree line to Iceberg Lakes. Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com

Sunday, February 7

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic Field Trip

Wednesday, February 10

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Lecture

Saturday, February 20

Peaceful Valley or Hessie, Easy II Ski

The area we choose will depend on snow conditions. This tour is for beginners who have attended the ski clinic or have equivalent experience. Leader will offer tips on technique improvements. Peter Birkeland 303-442-0304

Sunday, February 21

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Field Trip

Tuesday, February 23

Avalanche Level II Certification Lecture

The Ski Patrol's Level II Avalanche Course is designed to train students to lead avalanche rescues and to provide them with comprehensive avalanche knowledge to support rescue decision making. Specifically, the training includes: Avalanche Hazard, History and Statistics; Meteorology Fundamentals; Mountain Snowpack; Stability Evaluation; Safe Travel & Terrain Analysis; Self Survival and Rescue; Avalanche Rescue Organization; Special Medical Considerations; Avalanche Transceiver Search. Course is taught by certified NSP instructors. Lectures: 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 3/2, 3/3 (6-10pm) Field Trip: 2/2, 3/6, 3/7 Cindy L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net

Wednesday, February 24

Avalanche Level II Certification Lecture

Thursday, February 25

Avalanche Level II Certification Lecture

Saturday, February 27

Sourdough Trail, Mod. II Ski Tour

Take Sourdough trail north to Wapati and Baptiste trails and return on Sourdough. Steve Priem 303-499-0577 s.priem@yahoo.com

Sunday, February 28

Vail Pass to Shrine Mountain to Red Cliff, Mod. II Ski, Black Downhill

Don't let the Moderate rating fool you. The 1900 foot tree and powder run off of Shrine Mountain includes some steep, tight and technical sections of Black Downhill some of which may be re-climbed. Continue out to Redcliff for a car shuttle pick-up. Strong telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required. Steven Haymes 303-444-4765

Avalanche Level II Field Trip

Future Trips and Activities

Death Valley Hiking, 2/28-3/5, 2010

Enjoy the beauties of Death Valley next spring. During the week you will visit the park Visitor Center and Museum, conduct several A or moderate B hikes as well as visit Scotty's Castle. Costs are \$998 including transportation to and from Las Vegas airport, hike transportation, lodging, meals. Non-refundable deposit due 9/15. For more information contact Terry Hardie tnjhardie@msn.com or Sharon Silva ssilva@q.com

Trekking in Nepal 9/25-10/10, 2010

Join Pemba Sherpa, a native of the Khumbu region of the Nepal Himalayas, on this spectacular trek along the foothills of some of the world's highest peaks. Pemba will take us into the heart of the world's majestic Himalayan Mountains and into the rarely visited Lumbding Valley. Very few westerners have ever ventured into this completely unspoiled valley! We will be surrounded by striking scenery and will also spend time with Pemba's family in the small Sherpa village of Sengma. We will also relax for a few days in the colorful capital city of Kathmandu. The cost is \$2526. For more information please call Pemba Sherpa at 303-525-6508 or pemba@sherpaascent.com.