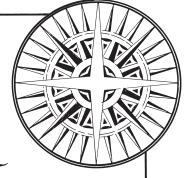


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Editor's Note

This May issue can mean only one thing: welcome to springtime in the Rockies! (i.e. highly variable weather!) First, I apologize for the late publication, which I blame on my teaching duties, both professional (due to end of semester duties at FRCC) and volunteer (which I gratefully offer in connection with the Basic Rock School classes, the latter of which I concluded last weekend and found most satisfying.) Hopefully everyone will find something of interest in this issue, from learning how to lead rock climb to identifying lady slipper violets. I am indeed proud of the variety of activities that the CMC and its affiliates offers to its members! Finally, I would draw your attention to my small article on email lists on page 7, as it may be of interest to some of you aspiring trip leaders or instructors out there.

> — Rick Casey, Compass Editor and Webteam / Council Liaison Person

Eldorado Classic Climb Series Begins

This spring we have a brand new guidebook to Eldorado Canyon, released last fall, by the excellent work of Steve Levin and Sharp End publishing. [Editor's Note: Steve Levin works in Neptune Mountaineering as a humble employee, usually in the climbing equipment section. He would be glad to sign your copy of the guidebook if asked; please help the Club by identifying yourself as a CMC member.] It was a great reminder again that we have one of the world's premier climbing playgrounds right in our own back yard! As such the Boulder Group rock leaders are going to attempt to climb many of the truly Classic Classic climbs in the park this season! All the climbs in this series get 3 or 4 stars in the new book and will feature the heading "Eldorado Classic Climb" on it's trip description. Sign up for a classic, take lots of photos, and then at

continued on page 6, Classic Climb

May Open House

What: Boulder CMC Open House When: May 19th, 7-8 pm Where: At the Clubroom, around the corner from Neptune's

Inviting new and prospective CMC members to learn more about the club and its many classes, trips, and activities. Experienced members will be on hand to share their enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snow shoeing, crosscountry skiing, and more. Bring a friend!

Meet Ben!

[Editor's Note: This inspiring story was submitted by Janine Fugere, Director of the Hiking School and Vice Chair of the Boulder Council.]

It's exciting when a volunteer comes along who has boundless energy and enthusiasm both for Colorado's moun-



Ben Mayer, in RMNP (Perhaps on the approach to Sky Pond? editor's guess!)

tains and for the CMC. Ben Mayer, who recently became the Assistant Hiking School Director for the Boulder Group, moved to Colorado a year and a half ago from Minnesota. Ben says he quickly figured out that conditions while hiking in Colorado are a great deal different than those in Minnesota. As a result, he

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Chair's Report

Spring activities are in full swing with club trips and schools heavily subscribed. Plus, we have a new stairway to access the Clubroom. What could be finer?

Renewal, in fact, is the watchword of the season. You may have heard that the State CMC is moving quickly toward a rebranding and new marketing campaign. First stop on that journey is coming up with a new CMC logo and tag line. Out with the sheep's head and in with the.....? By the time you read this, the State Board may have already voted on those two identity markers (a vote is scheduled for the evening of May 5).

At the April 17 State Board meeting, the decision was made to consult with the local groups, state committee chairs and board of director members giving them two weeks to respond to some graphic designs unveiled at the AMC in Golden that day. As group chair, I have shared the designs with fellow Boulder Group council members and will consolidate opinions and report the "sense of the council" to the state organization. I can say that generally, the sense is that a new logo and tag line are warranted as CMC struggles to grow membership and increase its appeal to younger outdoors people. The devil is in the details of the design and tag line to replace "More than a great hiking club". If you are interested in this topic, please feel free to contact me or any of the BG Council members.

On the matter of overall club health, I can report that club finances are stabilizing and both new memberships and membership retention show a slight upward trend over the past year. Boulder's membership reached a low point in 2006 and has increased to a steady 75% of the 2002 benchmark year. I am persuaded that a rebranding and marketing campaign can play a critical role in further improving these measures of club health.

The state organization is busy in other ways. Briefly --

· A "Code of Conduct" has been drafted to give us all a reference point for constructive behavior and standards

(including suggestions for now not to abuse email communication!)

- · A "Group Toolkit", subtitled "Group Operations Manual", has been produced by the state and will also serve as a very useful reference -- especially important for a volunteers organization with rapid turnover. I will appoint an ad hoc committee to adapt it to Boulderspecific conditions and then will get it distributed to the membership at large.
- Progress continues with creation of a trip leader development and training program. I might point out that the Boulder Group has been asked to help with this development given our excellent cadre of leaders. If you would like to serve on an ad hoc committee to design and implement this state-level program, contact Ryan Ross at mtnry@aol.com.

And I am happy to announce that Don Walker has volunteered to organize the effort to write the Boulder Group history to be included in the CMC history due out next year in time for the CMC centennial in 2012. More details to follow. And more volunteer kudos go to Donna Marino who will be updating the Power-Point presentation used at new member orientations and club Open Houses.

So, things are busy -- what's new? If you're bored and looking for something constructive to do, get in touch with me and I'll be happy to put you to work. In the meantime, please enjoy the (occasionally) cooperative spring weather by getting outside on our trails and rock routes.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fernandez, Boulder Chair

Annual Dinner Chair Needed

The Boulder CMC Annual Dinner, traditionally held in early November, needs a volunteer with excellent organizational skills who enjoys creating hospitality. You will have excellent guidance and support, from a well honed format perfected over the past few years. For information, please contact chair@cmcboulder.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Clubroom Hosts Needed

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

New GPS Editor Wanted

The Boulder CMC is in need of a new GPS editor. Gain valuable skills while filling a key position 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.

New Compass Editor Wanted

If you have the time, and would like to gain valuable experience with the Boulder CMC, please consider volunteering as editor for the Compass. You will gain a rich experience of how the Club functions by overseeing the production of a tradtion that has been published continuously for decades. You will also get experience in using inDesign, a standard software tool in professional graphic design. If so, please contact the editor at compass@cmcboulder.org.

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

May 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

Sunday, May 2

St. Vrain Mtn. 12,162' Adv. II Ski Tour

Blue Downhill Moderate pace

Ski a remote peak on the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area - Rocky Mountain National Park boundary. Beautiful views of Mt. Meeker and Longs Pk. Strong telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required. Optional after ski dinner. Register with leader by PHONE between 9 AM and 9 PM only. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:3500 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Allens Park Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11938

Tuesday, May 4

Hiking 2 Navigation &; Route Finding Lecture #2 Lecture Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, &; nutrition. Prerequisite: Hiking 1. Three lectures on Tuesdays, 4/22/10, 5/4/10, &; 5/11/10 at 6:30 PM. Field Trip: Sat. 5/15/10 or Sun. 5/16/10 (students choose one). Sign-ups begin at the 3/1/10 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup (CMC Boulder Group Clubroom - 7 PM). Overview

and Signup. Boulder Leader:Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janine_fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11358 LIT

Wednesday, May 5

After Work Social Hike Moderate A
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11414

Eldorado Classic Climb Series - III Climb

Gambit 5.8 5.8

This climb is part of the Eldorado Classic Climb series which means this climb has 3 stars or better in the guidebook. Come climb a classic! This interesting climbing gets increasingly better with each pitch, as one gains the majestic Southwest Face, finishing on the highest summit in Eldorado Canyon State Park. Limit 2 participants. Boulder Leader: Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#11605

Tuesday, May 11

Hiking 2 Navigation &; Route Finding Lecture #3 Lecture Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, &; nutrition. Prerequisite: Hiking 1. Three lectures on Tuesdays, 4/22/10, 5/4/10, &; 5/11/10 at 6:30 PM. Field Trip: Sat. 5/15/10 or Sun. 5/16/10 (students choose one). Sign-ups begin at the 3/1/10 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup (CMC Boulder Group Clubroom - 7 PM). Boulder Leader: Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janine fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11360

Wednesday, May 12

Wednesday Evening Endeavors Moderate A

After work Hike

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder Leader:Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com Trip#11488

Friday, May 14

Combat Rock (5.7-5.10) Rock Climb Combat Rock is located halfway between Loveland and Estes Park in the Big Thompson Canyon. Come challenge yourself climbing both friction and cracks on this bullet proof granite formation. Mix of sport and trad climbs. Boulder Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#11971

Saturday, May 15

Hiking 2 Navigation & Route Finding Field Trip Navigation &; Route Finding Field Trip

Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, &; nutrition. Prerequisite: Hiking 1.Three lectures on Tuesdays, 4/22/10, 5/4/10, &; 5/11/10 at 6:30 PM. Field Trip: Sat. 5/15/10 or Sun. 5/16/10 (students choose one). Sign-ups begin at the 3/1/10 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup (CMC Boulder Group Clubroom - 7 PM). Boulder Leader:Donald J Kava 303-494-2632 kava@bcn.boulder.co.us Trip#11361

Sunday, May 16

Hiking 2 Navigation & Route Finding Field Trip Navigation & Route Finding Field Trip Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, &; nutrition. Prerequisite: Hiking 1.Three lectures on Tuesdays, 4/22/10, 5/4/10, &; 5/11/10 at 6:30 PM. Field Trip: Sat. 5/15/10 or Sun. 5/16/10 (students choose one). Sign-ups begin at the 3/1/10 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup (CMC Boulder Group Clubroom - 7 PM). Boulder Leader:Donald J Kava 303-494-2632 kava@bcn.boulder.co.us Trip#11362

Eldorado Classic Climb Series Rock Climb

Wind Ridge 5.7

This summer the Boulder Group is attempting to cover as many of the classic climbs in Eldo as possible. All these climbs are rated 3 stars or better so you can be assured of a classic and great time! We'll do the Tigger variation to start (to avoid 5.8), then climb 2.5 pitches to the top. Delightful trad climbing on an aesthetic arete. Contact Rick at caseyrick@gmail.com or call 303.345.8893. Limited to two followers. Boulder Leader: Rick Casey 303-345-8893 caseyrick@gmail.com Trip#12008

Eldorado Classic Climb Series I Climb

The Bomb 5.4 5.4 " This climb is part of the Eldorado Classic Climb series which means this climb has 3 stars or better in the guidebook. Climb a Classic! At 20 ft. to the right of a large block, climb up a short right-facing corner into a prominent groove to a big ledge. Move left and climb an interesting chimney to a belay point above a juniper tree and rappel off. Boulder Leader:Charissa A Klotz 303-942-0531 caksail@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 19

Wednesday Evening Endeavors Moderate A After Work Hike A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder Leader:Connie Schwab 303-516-9797 cjs230@juno.com Trip#11542

Boulder CMC Open House Lecture 7-8 pm, Clubroom

Want to learn more or share your knowledge about the CMC? New and prospective CMC members, join us at this open house. Experienced CMC members, share your enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing and more. You're always encouraged to BRING A FRIEND! Boulder Leader: Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 samuellevis@hotmail.com Trip#11873

Saturday, May 22

Mesa Trail Moderate A
Best of Boulder
Another Boulder Favorite. Start at 9 AM
and hike end to end with a car shuttle.
Boulder Topo Map(s):Boulder Open
Space Trails Map. Leader:Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@GracieRealty.com Trip#11781

Sunday, May 23

James Peak 13,294' Adv. II Ski Tour

Blue Downhill Moderate pace

A classic Front Range high alpine tour and a relatively safe introduction to ski mountaineering. Strong telemark/down-hill skills, climbing skins and avalanche gear required. Limit 7. Register with leader BY PHONE between 9 AM and 9 PM only. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:2900 Drive Distance:140 Topo Map(s):Empire Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11669

Wednesday, May 26

Wednesday Evening Endeavors Moderate A After work Hike A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder Leader:Karen L Baldwin 303-420-8162 karenlbaldwin@hotmail.com Trip#11882

Saturday, May 29

Dragontail Couloir Difficult D-E Semi-tech Moderate pace

This is a technical steep snow climb requiring ice axe, crampons, and prior experience on steep snow. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:3000 Topo Map(s):McHenrys Peak Leader:Todd Nelson 303-417-9166 toddlnelson@comcast.net Trip#11295

Rock Leading School - 2010

The 2010 Rock Traditional Leading School is coming up! In this school, we will cover the safe and effective use of natural and artificial protection, construction of simple and complex anchors during multi-pitch climbs, and other skills needed of a traditional rock climbing leader. Students will also practice safe and efficient construction of belay anchors and discuss route finding and lead rack management. Pre-requisites for this class are CMC Basic Rock School or its equivalent. Sign-up preference is given to current and aspiring CMC co-leaders and leaders.

You must be able to attend all meetings of the school. If you miss even one, everyone is affected. The dates of the school are:

Introductory lecture: Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM, CMC Clubroom (next to Neptune Mountaineering)

Field trip #1: Saturday, June 12th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Field trip #2: Saturday, June 19th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Field trip #3: Saturday, June 26th, all day, location to be determined by instructor

Contact Clint Locks for more information at rockleadschool@comcast.net

Field Trip descriptions

Traditional Rock Leading School Introductory Lecture Wednesday, June 2nd Boulder Group CMC Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.

For those registered for the 2010 Rock Traditional Leading School, the course begins today. Discussion will focus on safety considerations and psychological factors associated with making the transition to the sharp end of the rope. Clint Locks rockleadschool@comcast.net

Traditional Rock Leading School
Field Trip1
Saturday, June 12th
This is the 1st of 3 field trips for the
2010 Rock Traditional Leading School
participants. The use of natural and
artificial protection, construction of belay
anchors, racking of equipment and placement of gear on lead will be introduced.
This field trip is only open to students of
the CMC Rock Leading School. Contact
your pre-determined instructor for meeting time and place.

Clint Locks rockleadschool@comcast.net

Traditional Rock Leading School
Field Trip2
Saturday, June 19th
This is the 2nd of 3 field trips for the
2010 Rock Traditional Leading School
participants. Students will practice placing protection, extending placements
with runners, clipping the lead rope and
construction belay anchors on singlepitch climbs. This field trip is only open
to students of the CMC Rock Leading
School. Contact your pre-determined
instructor for meeting time and place.
Clint Locks
rockleadschool@comcast.net

(see next column)

Traditional Rock Leading School Field Trip3

BCNA Classes

[Editor's Note: Boulder County Nature Association (BCNA) is a non-profit dedicated to teaching about Nature. Find out more at www.bcna.org.]

Colorado Lady's Slippers and Orchids — Joyce Gellhorn and Janice Forbis

Strange and beautiful, lady's slippers and orchids intrigue people throughout the world. More than two dozen lady slippers and orchids live in Colorado. Their habitats include conifer forests, mountain meadows, and wetlands at elevations from 5,500 to 12,000 feet. In this class, you will learn what is special about these plant families and have the opportunity to search for native species.

Indoor class: Wednesday, June 9, 7 to 9 pm. Field class: Saturday, June 12, 8:30 am to 2 pm. Field class: Saturday, June 26, 8:30 am to 3 pm

Tuition: \$75 (\$70 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants. To register, contact Joyce at 303-442-8123 or jggellhorn@mac.com

Walking Through the Seasons in the Ponderosa Pine Forest: Summer and Fall — Dianne Andrews

In this class we walk the same trail in summer and fall, exploring some of the stories the forest has to tell—stories that reveal the relationships that shape life in the forest. Summer is a time to observe the fledging of young birds, the antics of small mammals, the flight of butterflies,

continued on page 6, BCNA

from previous column

Saturday, June 26th
This is the last of 3 field trips for the
2010 Rock Traditional Leading School
participants. It will emphasize multipitch leading techniques, including route
finding and lead rack management. This
field trip is only open to students of the
CMC Rock Leading School. Contact
your pre-determined instructor for meeting time and place.
Clint Locks

rockleadschool@comcast.net

Note on Filing Online Trip Reports

This is a reminder to all Trip Leaders that all trip reports must now be filed online at the state website, cmc.org. While this might seem like a burden to those not used to it, help is available! If you go to the Boulder CMC website, emcboulder. org, and look under the Trips menu, there is a new selection at the bottom of the dropdown menu, "How To File Online Trip Reports." Here you will find detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to navigate through the state website to file your online reports. It is in your interest to do so, because otherwise you will not get that 20% off discount coupon to Neptune Mountaineering! Moreover, filing trip reports is vitally important data for the CMC to record; it is one of the most significant metrics that indicates how well the club is serving its members: the number of trips led, and the number of people who went on them. Also in the instructions is an email to send any questions or comments, so that we can continue to improve these instructions. So, Trip Leaders, while it might seem ackward at first, this new way of recording trips will soon come naturally if you just follow the directions posted for your benefit. Lead on!

> — contributed by Rick Casey, Webteam / Council Liaison Person

Seasonal Raptor Closures

It's that time of year again, when many rock climbing areas in Boulder Open Space and other parks, are closed to climbing until July 1, due to nesting raptors. For an authoritative list, see the Boulder OSMP (Open Space and Mountain Parks) webpage, and the easiest way to get to that is via the Club's website: cmcboulder.org/Resources/Closures/OSMP Closures. The most popular closed areas are the Third Flatiron, Gregory Canyon Amphitheater, north side of Fern Canyon, much of Shadow Canyon (including Maiden) and Micky Mouse wall, but check the website for a complete list (which includes closures on everything from bats to mud snails!)

Meet Ben, from p 1

joined the Boulder Group of CMC within a month of moving here and dove in head first! Ben took numerous schools in 2009 to enhance his skills, including Hiking 1, Hiking 2, Backpacking, & Basic Snow.

Ben showed leadership qualities early on in his membership. After taking Hiking 1 last spring, he volunteered to field test a variety of fire starting methods so these results could be incorporated into future lectures on Wilderness Survival Skills. He progressed to becoming an Assistant in the Fall 2009 Hiking schools, by which time, his enthusiasm led him to sign up for the Boulder Group's Leadership Seminar. He also completed the TrailMed Wilderness First Aid & CPR Training that the Boulder Group offered. This training was enough to make Ben realize he wanted to be even more prepared for Medical Emergencies in the backcountry, so he went on to obtain his Wilderness First Responder from NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) this past winter.

Ben recently agreed to step up to become the Assistant Hiking School Director for the Boulder Group. He co-led the Hiking 1 Field trips in order to get his recommendations to become an A-B Trip Leader. Ben will continue to co-lead and act as Assistant Director within this spring & fall's Hiking & Backpacking schools. He is also currently enrolled in schools through the Denver Group, in order to further enhance his skills and get ideas to help improve the Boulder Group's Hiking schools.

Ben will eventually take over as our Hiking School Director next winter, when Janine Fugere, the current Director, will move into her role as Chair of the Boulder Group. We are grateful for all that Ben contributes and look forward to years of work with this outstanding volunteer.

— contributed by Janine Fugere

Classic Climbs, from p 1

the end of the year watch for a party date when we can all gather as leaders and participants and share photos, and stories and, of course, a drink or two! Here is a list of the climbs that we are planning to cover. Watch the website and other publications for release dates and sign up for a classic! (And leaders, if I have not heard from you and you wish to get in on the action, please contact me as to which one(s) you would like to cover.

Gary Schmidt, Outings Chair. outings@cmcboulder.org

5.2: Whale's Tail (West Crack)

5.4: The Bomb

5.5: Swanson Arete, Boulder Direct, Breezy, Tigger

5.6: Calypso, Icarus, Wind Ridge (taken), Duh Dihedral, Washington Irving 5.7: The Bulge, Rewritten, Verscheidung The Bastille Crack

5.8: Gambit, Gonzo/V3 (Cadillac crag), Reggae, Star Wars, Long John Wall, Ruper, Breakfast in Bed, Chianti 5.9, Touch and Go, Anthill Direct, Heavy Weather, Positively Fourth Street, The Unsaid, Hair City, Perversion 5.9/5.10: The Yellow Spur, Outer Space

> — submitted by Gary Schmidt, Outings Chair



BCNA Classes, from p 5

and the continuing procession of wildflowers. Fall is a time to watch migrant birds heading south, wildlife preparing for winter, and autumnal colors returning to trees and shrubs.

Indoor class: Thursday, July 15, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Field class: Saturday, July 17, 8 am to 1 pm. Field class: Saturday, September 18, 8 am to 1 pm

Tuition: \$90 (\$80 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants. To register, contact Dianne at (303) 823-6779 or dandrews@boulder.net

Exploring Colorado Hummingbirds — Steve and Debbie Bouricius

Hummingbirds remain one of the least studied of all bird groups, and their complex lifestyle poses continuing challenges to researchers. We will examine the life cycle of hummingbirds and their status in Colorado. We will observe and learn to identify them at private locations where they are attracted in concentrated numbers, and then get a close-up look into the art and science of hummingbird banding research.

Indoor class: Sunday, July 25, 7:30 to 9 am Field class: Sunday, July 25, 9 am to 2 pm. Tuition: \$65 (\$55 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants. To register, contact Steve at (970) 434-5918 or bouricii@earthlink.net

Boulder Bugs: An Introduction to the World under our Feet! — Scott Severs

Discover the hidden world of insects and spiders. The classroom session will focus on the identification features of the major orders of spiders and their kin, grasshoppers, true bugs, beetles, social insects (bees and ants) and others. In the field we will practice our newly learned identification skills, see how insects interact with each other, and observe the roles they play in the local environment and in our daily lives.

Indoor class: Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Field class: Sunday, August 8, 9 am to noon
Tuition: \$55 (\$50 BCNA members).
Limited to 8 participants.
To register, contact Scott at (303) 684-6430 or rostrhamus@aol.com

Mushrooms of the Front Range — Jennifer Frazer

Thousands of species of mushrooms lurk in the woods and yards of Colorado. This class will cover basic mushroom biology, important mushroom toxins, common Colorado mushrooms, how mushrooms make a living, and how to recognize major mushroom families. We'll also learn how to make the beautiful spore prints that can be vital to identification. In the field, you'll get hands-on experience collecting and identifying mushrooms, and be trained in the lost art of the mushroom hoot

Indoor class: Thursday, August 19, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Field class: Saturday, August 21, 9 am to 1 pm. Field class: Saturday, September 4, 9 am to 1 pm Tuition: \$80 (\$70 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants.

To register, contact Jennifer at (303) 549-8276 or ranatrafusca@yahoo.com □

Various CMC & Other Activities

Golden Gate Dirty Thirty, Saturday, 6/5: Registration is now open for this trail run to benefit CMC's Youth Education Program (YEP). The race will feature single-track loop courses of 50K, 12M, and 7M on single track trails through aspen groves, pine forests, and rocky ridges. Elevation ranges between 8,000 and 9,500 ft. All three courses are loops with soft and fast sections as well as rocky and technical sections. This is a beautiful course with spectacular views of the Continental Divide. The race will be held in Golden Gate Canyon State Park. For more information, click here.

CMC In-State Outing 2010, Last Week in July, First Week in August: CMC's In-State Outing will be held on the outskirts of Silverton, CO next summer. We will be at the Mountain Studies Institute field station. We will have the opportunity to learn from some of their visiting scientists who are doing research in the alpine environment. This is a passenger car drive-in site, with plenty of tent sites, 4 RV hook-up sites, and 6 rustic cabins. There is some indoor space, but not a lodge like Marble. We are planning to set up the outdoor dining tent with an outdoor dishwashing station. On-line registration at the state web site.

Adventure Travel Grand Canyon Raft and Hike Trip 2011: We have openings for the 2011 trip and a registration deadline of May 20th.

Motorized raft trip for 188 miles from

Lee's Ferry to Whitmore Wash, with extensive hiking opportunities at all levels. Return to put-in via helicopter and airplane. The incredible Grand Canyon experience! See website for details, cmc. org, Adventure Travel. Leaders Blake Clark and Rosemary Burbank, blakerosemary@cs.com, 303-871-0379.

Measuring Snow, March-June:

Looking for volunteers to help with a CU graduate student's field work. The work will entail taking snow depth measurements, GPS waypoints, and digging snow pits at the CU Mountain Research Station. Skis or snowshoes required. The work started March 25 and will go through the snow melt season (March-May/June). If interested please email Heather McIntyre at heathermmac@gmail.com or call (303) 945-6055.

Note on Email Lists at the Club Website

There are several email lists on the Boulder Club's website that have been developed over the past couple of years that you might not be aware of, but could be features to help develop your contacts within the club. The club website is at emcboulder.org; the directions here refer to the main menu. These lists are self-subscribing, but monitored, meaning you can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time through the website; but they are monitored, in that you need to be approved to join, and can be removed for inappropriate emails.

Partner Finder: (under Group/Partner Finder) Open to all CMC members. A

general purpose email list to find a partner on short-term notice for any outdoor activity. By restricting it to CMC members, if the member has gone through one of the BMS courses, you can be assured of a certain level of training.

Instructor Email Lists: (under Training/Instructor Email Lists). Restricted to BMS Instructors or aspiring Instructors. This is actually a set of ten distinct email lists that cover the various BMS schools, from hiking to advanced mountaineering. You do not have to be a BMS instructor to join, as long as you have a sincere interest in becoming an instructor. Part of the purpose of this list is for those who are not yet instructors, but want to become one. Simply mention this in your email to apply to join the list.

Trip Leader Email Lists: (under Trips/ Trip Leader Email Lists) Restricted to Trip Leaders or aspiring Trip Leaders. Similar to the Instructor List, the Trip Leader lists cover the five categories of trips that the Club offers, from hiking to climbing. Again, you do not have to a Trip Leader to join this list. Part of the purpose of this list is for those who are not yet leaders, but wish to become one. Simply mention this in your email to apply to join the list.

So, whether you are interested in becoming a Trip Leader or an Instructor, or just need a Partner, these email lists offer an opprtunity to become part of these communities, become more familiar with the issues involved, and pose any questions you might have to those directly involved. Consider joining today!

— contributed by Rick Casey, Webteam / Council Liaison Person



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