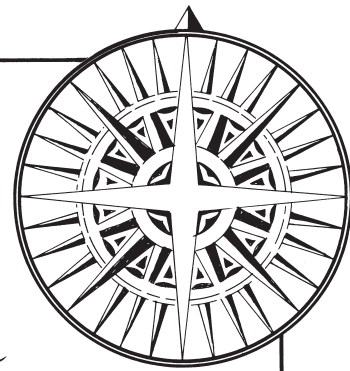




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Next Boulder CMC Open House Meeting

Coming up next month, on July 21st, 7-8 pm, will be the next Open House, at the Boulder CMC Clubroom, around the corner from Neptune's. This is an open invitation to 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, cross-country skiing, and more. Bring a friend!

— contributed by Sam Levis,
At-large Council Member

Spring 2010 Basic Rock School Report

Hats off to the instructors who taught and the students who successfully completed Basic Rock School (BRS) this spring! For the 2nd year in a row, we had to deal with rainy and snowy weather, but everything worked out well. We had 4 groups – 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday.

The Senior Instructors were:

Rick Casey
Kent Crites
Chris Klotz
Jill Yarger

The Assistant Instructors were:

Mike Anstett
John Brooks
Eileen Monyok

continued on page 4, BRS Spring 2010

Editor's Note

With the June issue, CMC activities swing fully into summer: the Rock Leading, Backpacking, Intermediate Snow and GPS classes will be taking place. Finally the weather is warming up after a rather cold wet spring! Otherwise, the state CMC office is rethinking its marketing and rebranding strategy (see page 2), and the Boulder group is still searching for a new clubroom.

A special plea: if you or anyone you know has great organizational skills who loves being a dinner host, the search is on for the coordinator for the Annual Dinner this fall. Get out there and enjoy summer!

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



BRS graduation climb on Hillbilly Rock. From the left, Eileen Monyok, Andy Aiken, Jessica Reason and John Brooks. Photo by Kent Crites.

Chair's Report

Fellow Boulder Group members, rather than write my own report this month, I thought you might like to read the following message from Wynne Whyman, CMC President, on the subject of the CMC re-branding project. [See below – Ed.] This re-branding includes development of a new logo and “tag line” for the club and, naturally, has generated a great deal of interest. The Boulder Group has provided important input to this effort and I am gratified that the state organization is taking the time to refine its proposals to ensure a generally positive reaction. Next month, I will report on any decisions made by the state board on these important matters

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fernandez, Boulder Chair

Open Letter from CMC President

May 23, 2010

Dear CMC Colleagues:

I want to give you an update on the status of the CMC rebranding project.

Your board and staff are trying to strike a balance between moving forward with a much needed update of the CMC brand, while taking into account the views of members who feel passionately about our club's history and tradition. We appreciate the feedback we've received from groups and state committees, and we'll continue to seek your input and keep you informed as this process moves forward.

We asked for feedback on a proposed logo design and tagline from groups and state committees. While we received generally positive feedback on the logo from some CMC leaders, many of you told us the proposed logo was too dark, both in appearance and tone. Several expressed concern that it wouldn't reproduce well for various uses, particularly in black and white. Some asked why the logo showed the moon, since most of our activities take place in the Colorado sunshine. Others wondered why we didn't use real, iconic Colorado peaks. We've

listened to your feedback, and as a result, the CMC state board voted on May 5th to send the proposed logo back to the staff for more work, to address the specific comments we received from you.

We expect to see a couple of options for new logo designs by June 1st. We will share new logo design options and a revised tagline proposal with groups and state committees for one more round of feedback before a final board vote. Naturally, with a subjective issue like this, getting complete unanimity may not be possible, especially in an organization as large and diverse as the CMC. But we want the new CMC logo to belong to the entire organization. Therefore, I don't expect the board to approve a logo unless we believe that it truly presents the right image of the club, and unless we believe there will be broad support for the decision. That's the point of engaging in such a careful process.

I believe our club does need a new logo as we approach our centennial in 2012. Our current logo has been with us for nearly 100 years. While there's a lot of tradition associated with it, our logo is not contemporary and it's sometimes confused with the ram's head logo of Colorado State University. Several other outdoor groups have refreshed their logos in recent years, including the Sierra Club, The Mountaineers, The Adirondack Mountain Club, and the American Alpine Club... CMC has applied for and received a generous matching grant to help defray the costs of our rebranding efforts. This grant will help us fund more assertive marketing efforts that will benefit the club – provided we move forward with some changes. If we cannot agree on a path forward, we will forfeit this money – and with it, an opportunity

continued on page 5, CMC President

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 through 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 tradition 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.

June 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, June 2

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. Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11415

Saturday, June 5

Bear Pk. 8,461' Moderate B
Casual pace

Follow the Mesa Trail from its southern terminus up Shadow Canyon to So Boulder Peak and then north to Bear Peak. Good route and grand views. Slow to casual pace. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:2700 Drive Distance:15 Topo Map(s):Eldorado Springs Leader: Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyngfellows@yahoo.com Trip#11782

Sunday, June 6

Chasm Lake Difficult B

Hike from Longs Peak Range Station to Chasm Lake. Spectacular views of the East Face of Longs and the Diamond. Required: Basic Snow. Leader:Phillip Congdon 303-926-1408 pcfiredfly@gmail.com Trip#12236

Tuesday, June 8

Backpacking School Lecture
Boulder Group Clubroom - 6:30 PM
This course covers equipment, trip planning, site selection, meals, leave no trace principles, bear-bagging, and more for an enjoyable backpacking experience. Prerequisites: Hiking 1 & Hiking 2. One lecture on Tue. 6/8/10 at 6:30 PM. Field trips: 6/12-13 (one-night option), 7/16-18 (two-night option). Students may choose to attend either or both Field Trips. Leader:Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janine_fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11363

Wednesday, June 9

Wednesday Evening Endevors
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. Leader:Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyngfellows@yahoo.com Trip#11489

Technical Canyoneering Skills
Practice Session
After work practice session to sharpen up those rappelling and scrambling techniques for technical canyons. This is not a class but an informal practice session for adapting your standard rappel techniques to canyoneering-example: single rope raps, rappel with rope bag, multi-directional rappel, wet/slick rock, adding friction to rappel device mid rappel, retrievable anchors (ghosting). Must be good at standard rappelling. Rappels will be belayed as safety backup. Will also practice stemming and other scramble techniques if can find appropriate terrain. May repeat or expand this to multiple trips if sufficient interest. Leader:Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#12290

Saturday, June 12 – June 13

Washington Irving, 5.6
Class I Rock Climb
Classic one pitch 5.6 route on the West

Ridge in Eldorado Canyon State Park. Descend via rappel bolts. Prerequisite: BRS and ability to climb 5.6. Please contact trip leader, Rick Casey, via email caseyrick@gmail.com

Backpacking School Field Trip
(1 Night Option)
Moderate pace
This is the one-night field trip of the Backpacking School. This course covers equipment, trip planning, site selection, meals, leave no trace principles, bear-bagging, and more for an enjoyable backpacking experience. Prerequisites: Hiking 1 & Hiking 2. One lecture on Tue. 6/8/10 at 6:30 PM. Field trips: 6/12-13 (one-night option), 7/16-18 (two-night option). Students may choose to attend either or both Field Trips. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:60
Leader:Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janine_fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11364

Sunday, June 13

Ptarmigan Finger Snow Climb
Moderate C-E
Flattop Mt. Semi-tech
Ascend Ptarmigan Glacier. A fun snow climb! Helmet, harness, crampons, ice axe required. Trail Mileage:11 Elevation Gain:2600 Drive Distance:90 Topo Map(s):McHenry's Peak
Leader:Todd Nelson 303-417-9166 toddnelson@comcast.net Trip#11296

Eldorado Classic Climb Series
Climb II
The Bulge 5.7R 5.7
This trip is part of the Eldorado Classic Climb series. All trips in this series are 3 or 4 stars. The Bulge is a classic Kor route that meanders up the Redgarden wall. Has great exposure. The climbing is run out and just as dangerous for the second. Seconds need to be competent at the grade and comfortable climbing long traverses (though easier climbing) with marginal protection. But its a classic! Wonderful way to spend an evening. Sunday evening climb. Contact Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gscch@frii.com Trip#12173

Tuesday, June 15

GPS Navigation Lecture
Lecture for course to provide a review

of map and compass from Hiking II, to teach how to plan a trip with a GPS, and then how to navigate in the field with a map and compass, a map and compass and a GPS, and a GPS alone. The course will include two lectures on Tue. 6/15 & Tue. 6/22 at 6:30 PM, and one field trip on Sat. 7/10/10. Students are required to provide their own compass and GPS. Register with leader between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only.
Leader: Steven Haymes 303-444-4765
srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11366

Wednesday, June 16

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.
Leader: Caryl Shields 303-665-6312
buchloe111@aol.com Trip#11553

Tuesday, June 22

GPS Navigation Lecture
Lecture for course to provide a review of map and compass from Hiking II, to teach how to plan a trip with a GPS, and then how to navigate in the field with a map and compass, a map and compass and a GPS, and a GPS alone. The course will include two lectures on Tue. 6/15 & Tue. 6/22 at 6:30 PM, and one field trip on Sat. 7/10/10. Students are required to provide their own compass and GPS. Register with leader between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only.
Leader: Steven Haymes 303-444-4765
srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11422

Sunday, June 27

SE Face of Mount Toll
Moderate D
Summit elev: 12,979'
Semi-technical
Hike into Blue Lake and ascend the prominent snow field to the summit of Mt Toll. Trail Mileage: 10 Elevation Gain: 3000 Drive Distance: 70
Leader: Todd Nelson 303-417-9166
toddlnelson@comcast.net Trip#11297

Wednesday, June 30

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.
Leader: Karen L Baldwin 303-420-8162
karenlbaldwin@hotmail.com Trip#11884

BRS Spring 2010, from page 1

Kevin Piacentini
Heather Pore
David Roederer
Mark Thomas
Don Walker

The 21 students who completed the course were:

Andy Aiken
Erica Althans-Schmidt
Karen Baldwin
Cynthia Bradley
Matt Fine
Kirk Groves
Roger Hedrick
Stuart Hughes
Jessica Hughes
Derrick Juengst
Beth McElroy
Ginni Nanda
Karen Peterson
Jessica Reason
Daniel Regelson
Erik Siewertsen
Chris Slaughter
Martina Sorek
Diane Weil
Carey Wierth
Paul Winker

We hope that the students continue to pursue climbing with their newly acquired skills and perhaps become instructors and trip leaders in the future. Steve Poulsen served as the BRS Director and Brenda Leach served as the BRS Assistant Director. For the Fall 2010 session, Brenda Leach will be the BRS Director and Steve Poulsen will be the BRS Assistant Director. Thanks to Steve

for his efforts over the last several years as the first BRS Director since the BMS schools were split into separate modules.

— contributed by Brenda Leach,
BRS Director

Forest Stewardship Tip

Mountain Pine Beetles fly once per year from mid-July to the first couple of weeks in September. It is recommended that each fall and spring you survey your backyard forest for the presence of currently infested mountain pine beetle trees. If currently infested trees are found in your forest you should remove and sanitize (kill the beetles under the bark) these trees to help control local beetle population. Remember, if there is one beetle infested tree in your backyard forest this year, then you can expect that one tree to produce enough beetles to infest anywhere from three to seven trees the following year.

Ryan Ludlow
Forestry Education and
Outreach Coordinator
Boulder County Land Use

— contributed by Chris Klotz,
Conservation Chair

Seasonal Raptor Closure Update

Seasonal wildlife closures have been lifted in Eldorado Canyon. This includes Redgarden Wall, from The Naked Edge (pitch 3- top) through Sidetrack. The closures were lifted because there has been no nesting activity in the area. All of Regarden Wall is now open to climbing.

Otherwise, the following areas are still closed to climbing until July 1: Third Flatiron, Gregory Canyon Amphitheater, north side of Fern Canyon, much of Shadow Canyon (including Maiden) and Micky Mouse Wall. 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.

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, 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 Bourcius

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 □



CMC President, from page 2

to do more to tell our story. We're also working on a new tagline to replace "More than just a great hiking club." We received a variety of feedback on the "A passion for ..." concept. Some was positive, some was not.

We are listening and as a result, our staff will present an updated recommendation to the board in June. We'll share this with groups and state committees at the same time new logo options are shared. Creating a new logo and tagline for CMC are only the first steps in a more aggressive marketing approach designed to help us attract and retain members, donors and partners. So far, this has included introducing a new dues structure with more flexible options, including a Young Adult and two year member category; the opportunity for groups to waive the onetime membership fee at selected times during the year, provided they have marketing plans in place; more support for outreach events such as Mountain Fest and the Backcountry Bash; and an affordable paid sponsorship of Colorado Public Radio, to help spread the CMC message. Future steps will include group resources such as a marketing toolkit.

Thanks again for your feedback, and for your continued support of the Colorado Mountain Club.

Wynne Whyman, President

Hiking and Exploring in Ecuador

Dates: September 6– 17, 2010
Price: \$2,501 + air travel

Travel to a private preserve nestled in a rustic mountain setting in the Pichincha Foothills where you will find peace and tranquility. Experience Ecuador's bird and animal life, following the footsteps of the ancient Incas on the Last Inca Emperor's Trails. Take in incredible views of the mountains and volcanoes and enjoy superb photo opportunities.

Our starting point will be Quito. After arriving we will explore the capital of Ecuador, learning about colonial art, history, archaeology and folklore. In the preserve we will trek to the Highland Rainforest, with opportunities to visit five sacred waterfalls. There are 250 varieties of native medicinal plants in the region and we will learn about some of them. While hiking in a wild virgin cloud forest around Pichincha Mountain and trekking jungle trails, we will observe a variety of birds, including hummingbirds at feeders. Ecuador is a paradise of about 450 bird species, majestic waterfalls, and 300 varieties of orchids. A visit to the world famous Otavala Indian Market will give you a chance to shop for local handmade products.

Guided hikes at a moderate to easy hiking level on 8 days of the trip will be in the itinerary including after dark hikes to hear wild voices of the night jungle.

There will be an optional 5 or 7 day trip to the Galapagos Islands before the trip. For more information, please contact: Betsy Weitkamp at 303-722-1656 or elaw@q.com.

BRS Instructors Enjoy New Perk at Movement

On Saturday, May 15th, senior climbing instructors (BRS & RLS) who recently taught and prospective senior instructors were treated to a new perk: expert instruction in climbing at the Movement indoor climbing gym. About ten instructors attended the session which was taught by Justen Sjong, who's been teaching and training climbing for 16

years. As one of those who attended, I was well impressed with Justen's hour long presentation that broke down climbing skills into distinct topics, and his demonstrations of them on a bouldering wall. We then attempted to put them into practice as Justen individually critiqued all of us as we climbed for the next couple of hours. This was a new and unexpected perk from the Boulder Mountaineering Schools; thanks BMS! Hopefully this will serve as an incentive to attract more instructors to become senior instructors!

Eldorado Classic Climb Series Continues

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 its trip description. Sign up for a classic, take lots of photos, and then at 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 (tak-

en); Duh Dihedral, Washington Irving 5.7: The Bulge, Rewritten, Verschneidung, 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



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, cmcboulder.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 awkward 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

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 cmcboulder.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 opportunity 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!

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