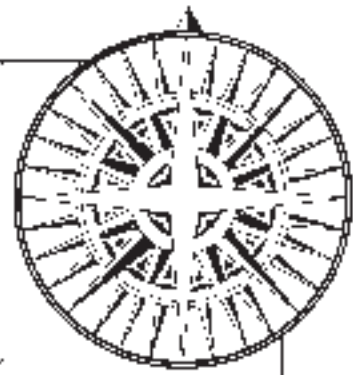




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Rollins Pass Ski Adventure

-- Contributed by Steve Priem

On a Saturday in February 2001, I led a Boulder Group ski tour from the Eldora Ski Area to Winter Park across Rollins Pass. I had spent years traveling across the Continental Divide between Eldora Ski Area and Winter Park. I thought I was finally qualified to lead such a trip. It is a fun ski tour, if you know the way. I asked Pete Birkeland to be my co-leader.

The plan was to put my two family cars at the High Country House Condominium in Winter Park, meet at the bus station in Boulder on Saturday morning, and take the

7am bus to the Eldora Ski Area. From there, we would ski to the Guinn Mountain Hut, also known as Arestua, then on to Rollins Pass, Middle Fork of Ranch Creek to the Idlewild Trail System and then head home. It is a 15 mile route, climb 2,910 feet and descend 3,580 feet. An advanced ski tour.

On Friday, Pete, Sue, and I drove our cars to Winter Park. We parked them at the condos where I was a regular visitor. We skied the Idlewild Trails that would be our return route. It was a glorious blue sky day.

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Editor's Note

This month, longtime CMC member, Steve Priem shares his exciting tale of a ski trip across Rollins Pass in whiteout conditions.

And don't forget about the Boulder Group Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 5. This is a great chance to socialize with other group members, eat some great food, and see an exciting presentation on David Robertson's ski journey through the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska.

— Donna Marino
Compass Editor



Rollins Pass Whiteout

Chair's Report

Snow's arrival on the Front Range this week made me realize that although the calendar still says autumn, winter is on its way!

Aside from the seasonal relevance, this also made me realize there is not much time left of my year as Council Chair. My past weeks have been spent teetering between looking ahead to the things I'll do after my term is over and scrambling to accomplish the rest of the things I wanted to do during my year as Council Chair. My Chair's report will be brief this month, as I'm exceptionally busy with many of those things I'm hoping to accomplish before our Vice Chair, Roger Drake, takes over.

Among these activities, one I'm most excited about is helping turn over the Hiking School Director role to our new Director, Karen Baldwin, and our Assistant Directors, Bob and Louisa Matthias. Although I had stepped down as Hiking School Director when I became Council Chair, a vacancy in the position led me to step up to serving as interim Hiking School Director again for the Spring and Fall 2011 schools. I'm extremely grateful to David Ellis, who helped served as an assistant to organize the instructors, trip leaders and assistants for the schools, as well as to Nelson Tamplin, who also did extraordinary amounts to help organize and run the schools. I'm very excited that Karen, Bob, and Louisa will be working together along with all our Hiking School volunteer instructors and assistants and I feel confident that the Hiking Schools will be in good hands.

The other activity that has been a priority for me recently has been helping to plan the Annual Dinner, Meeting and Presentation. It is hard for me to believe that the event has nearly arrived and will be held this coming Saturday, November 5 at the Avalon ballroom from 5:00 to 9:30 P.M. I'm extremely grateful to Monica DeWitt, our Annual Dinner Coordinator, and to Brenda Leach, our BMS Co-Director, along with all our dinner committee volunteers for helping plan a fantastic event for this year.

I'll save the rest of what I have to say for the dinner, when I'll speak about many of the other exciting things that have

been happening during my last couple of months as Chair. I hope you will join us in attending this event, which will include a wonderful guest speaker, David Robinson, presenting about his 1969 epic ski tour across the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska. There will also be pot luck food, friends, fun, book sales, awards, prizes, and even surprises! Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
– Janine Fugere, Boulder Chair

Volunteer Opportunities

Clubroom Manager Needed

After many years of dedicated service to the Boulder Group, Sheila Delamere is retiring. This is a volunteer position on Council and the work is being shared to simplify the manager's job. The main duty is scheduling our volunteer hosts for Tuesday - Thursday evenings. Other duties are attending our Council meeting once per month, maintaining clubroom supplies, sending out the new member welcome letters and supervising the general running of the clubroom. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact chair@cmcboulder.org.

Annual Dinner: Call for Volunteers

The Annual Dinner (Saturday, November 5, from 5-9:30 pm), has found volunteers for everything except helping move heavy tables at the beginning and end of the dinner. If you can help, please send email with your contact information to dinnerhelp@cmcboulder.org.

Call for Fall Trips and Leaders: Hikes and Rock Climbs

Fall is approaching, and it's time to enjoy hiking and climbing trips with the most beautiful weather that Colorado offers. The Outings Committee is calling on trip leaders to submit some hiking and rock climb trips. Trips scheduled for October and November will be especially helpful for recent graduates of the Hiking and Basic Rock Schools. Hiking School graduates will be eager to apply their newly acquired trekking and navigation skills. Basic Rock School graduates will be especially interested in signing up for easier rock climb trips, where they can advance their climbing and rappelling skills. Please submit your trips on-line or e-mail us at outings@cmcboulder.org.

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November 2011 Trips & Activities

Editor's note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible that trips may change or be 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

Friday, November 4

Mesa Trail End to End, Easy B
Hike the rolling Mesa Trail along the base of the Flatirons from Chautauqua Park to the South Mesa Trailhead. This is one of the all-time classic hikes of the Boulder area. Leader will arrange a car shuttle back to the starting point. Trail mileage: 7 miles. Leader: Eric Brehm, eric_brehm@comcast.net

Friday, November 4

Survey of Classic Moderates - Eldo Canyon's West Ridge, Climb II
Explore the West Ridge in Eldorado Canyon. Possible routes: Washington Irving, Verschniedung, Dr. Michael Solar, Mesca-line, etc.! All 5.7 and under-all super fun! If weather is windy/cold, we will go to Happy Hour. Recent BRS grads encouraged to contact leader!
Leader: Clare E Reda, fightgravity4evr@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 5

Big Thompson Canyon Top Roping
Experience some great, but lesser known topropes in the Big Thompson Canyon west of Loveland. Lots of variety in 5.6-5.10 range. Great for newer climbers but fun for all. Leader: Gary Schmidt, gsmithmusic@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 16

Boulder CMC Open House, 7-8 pm
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, cross-country skiing, and more. Bring a friend!

Saturday, November 19

Niwot Ridge GPS Practice Hike, Moderate C (off trail)
Join us for a hike (or snowshoe!) up Niwot Ridge. In a couple of short, steep miles we'll get up above treeline into the magical high alpine with spectacular views of many peaks and the meadow all around us. Starting at the south Sour-dough Trailhead parking lot, we'll walk up the road, past the Mountain Research Station, climbing steadily to treeline where the terrain flattens out somewhat. We'll go back down the same way we came up. The total distance should be about 7 miles with approximately 2800' elevation gain. On this trip we'll take time to review and practice GPS usage, even for people brand new to them. Practice will include: waypoints, routes, track, and track back. There is no formal instruction, but we'll be happy to discuss GPS usage before, during, and after the hike. Participants should still bring a map and compass, as on all CMC trips, but our focus will be on providing opportunities for GPS practice. We won't cancel due to weather. If it's windy, snowy, and/or cold, this will be good (and possibly challenging!) practice in managing gloves, goggles, and face masks to handle cold weather while navigating. It is very likely that snowshoes or some traction may be useful or necessary for some or most of the route. This trip is being led by Janine Fugere and co-led by Robert O'Rourke. Bonus points for bringing chocolate. Map(s): USGS Ward Quad, Trails Illustrated Indian Peaks Gold Hill #102. Elevation gain: 2800 feet, Prerequisite: Hiking School-B
Leader: Janine Fugere, janine_fugere@yahoo.com



I asked our 15-year-old son, Torin if he wanted to join us. "Sure dad, whatever." He had been over Rollins Pass on bicycles a couple of times. I had eleven seat belts in my cars. Torin, Pete, and I left room for eight more people. I fielded phone calls as the date approached. Accomplished members of the Boulder Group, including two women responded. Friday night, I received the last phone call, "Can I go on your trip?" I hate it when I get a Friday night call for a Saturday trip. "No, my trip is full!" I said. I couldn't place the accent. "Where are you from?" I asked. "I am from Norway," Eigel said. "How many club trips have you been on?" I asked. "This is my first one." "Do you know how to ski?" After a brief silence he answered "Yes I know how to ski!" "I have room for you," I replied. "See you at the bus station."

Saturday morning, Torin and I secured our skis and poles to our bicycles and biked to the bus station. We were an easy group to pick out at 7 am. Parkas, big packs, skinny skis. Soon, 15 of us were on our way to Eldora Ski Area. As we turned the corner at Hurricane Hill, the top of Eldora Ski Area was hidden by clouds. I guess I could have checked the weather report. 8 am at the ski area parking lot we assembled again. I introduced Pete as my co-leader. I asked that we try to stay together. We set off for Guinn Mountain. We ascended the access trail, descended to Jenny Creek and arrived at the Guinn Mountain Ski Trail.

At that point it is two miles and 1,300 feet to the Guinn Mountain Hut. I made sure the lead skiers knew where they were going. "Ski ahead. When you get to the cabin, start a fire and warm the place up." I stayed with the middle part of the group.

About an hour or so later I arrived at the Guinn Mountain Hut. It was snowing lightly, and the temperature was cold. The hut was warming as we arrived. For about 45 minutes we rested, ate snacks and visited. I took Torin, a freshman at Fairview High School aside. I got my map and compass out. I aligned my compass with the direction from Rollins Pass to the basin above the Middle Fork of Ranch Creek. "When we get to

Rollins Pass the weather is going to get worse. This is what we are going to do."



Guinn Mountain Hut

To every one else present I announced "The weather could get worse. Anyone who doesn't want to go forward should turn around here." No one offered to turn around. I didn't consider asking Torin if he wanted to return to the ski area.

We skied west, crossed Boulder Pass, and ascended the steep terrain to the Rollins Pass road. The wind was picking up, snowfall was increasing, and visibility was decreasing. We set off on the Rollins Pass train grade. Soon we encountered the steep snow chute that had to be crossed to the first trestle. With some dismay, I set the track across it. It seemed okay. The drop to the valley floor is about 1,000 feet. We crossed it although I have never been able to do it again.



Keeping the group together

We approached Rollins Pass around noon. We were doing well considering the conditions. I took Torin aside; "Here is my compass," I said, "and that is the way we are going." To every one else I said "we are heading south and stay together!" A pair of mostly Norwegians, Pete Birkeland and Eigel Hefre, were the

back end of our group. We headed south. The wind was very strong and from the west. It was awful. Snow was driven across our faces. Every few minutes, I would stop. A few minutes later the red Norwegian parkas would appear out of the whiteout haze with the last of our group.

Pete said he could hardly see us, because of the conditions and snow packed into his glasses. He got rid of his glasses and could barely follow snowmobile tracks. He was staying with a skier motion sick from the whiteout conditions. For what seemed like forever we crept forward, constantly referring, to my compass. The front line was four or five skiers, I was setting the pace.

Go forward and stop, wait for the red parkas to show up. Bob Beehler provided contact between the main group and Pete and Eigel bringing up the end of our group.

At times, I believe our visibility was about five feet; I could not see the end of my ski pole. On we went, go forward and wait for the red parkas. We seemed to be doing OK. I looked at Torin's cheeks and noticed they were turning light gray! Off to the right, a skier veered away. He said "should we descend?" "No," was my response. "Stay with me." Finally, I heard snowmobiles. The slope increased as we descended to below the cloud level to a snowmobile picnic area above the Middle Fork of Ranch Creek. After a long time in whiteout conditions, it was over.

We rested briefly at the meadow above the Middle Fork of Ranch Creek. We could finally see around us. The natural

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gas line that passes by the Guinn Mountain Hut descends to Fraser here. We had a choice of skiing straight down the gas line or taking the more gentle gas line road. There were snowmobile tracks that had tested the snow pack.



Pete's Bloody Nose

We descended to enter a winter wonderland of steep slopes, deep snow, big trees, and meadows heading down on what seemed to be a road. We entered the Middle Fork of Ranch Creek. Finally, we were having the ski tour we had hoped for.

We crossed the Denver Water Board road to the turnoff for the upper part of "Burn Out Loop." Sensing I was missing some one, I turned around. In a few minutes Jim Bock showed up. He had stopped for a sandwich break. I led the way through South Fork Loop to Cross Trails. We trespassed through the new Rendezvous development on what used to be a county road.

We arrived at my cars around 5 pm, about nine hours after we left the bus. Not bad, considering what we had been through. Hindsight said that this was a fit and experienced group. We were in pretty good shape.

Torin's cheeks showed signs of frostbite. "What are you going to tell your friends at Fairview?" I asked. Other members of the group had some frostbite and the skin on Pete's nose was bleeding. He con-

fessed he should have packed goggles. It was a successful trip. For the Boulder Group, we stayed out of the newspaper. We spent hours in whiteout conditions and survived. It was a strong group of skiers. I would never want to put others in this situation.

A GPS would have helped but I didn't get one until the next year. I checked the report from the Niwot Ridge weather station. It recorded wind gusts of 60 miles per hour, with temperatures around 25 degrees. The wind chill made it feel colder.

Note from Steve: If you are using National Geographic map #103, Winter Park, Central City and Rollins Pass, you might notice the James Peak Protection Area we traveled through to Winter Park. From the Denver Water Board west you will see a blank space around the South Fork of Ranch Creek that contains the trails of our route. In that space are about 15 miles of trails marked and maintained by the Sulphur District.

Although crossing the Divide on skis has been done by CMC groups, this was the only time this particular route was offered. It may have been the last scheduled ski crossing of the Divide by the Boulder Group.

If you have any questions about this story, contact Steve at s.priem@yahoo.com

GPS Practice Hikes and BMS School Practice Trips

At the end of our BMS schools, which are very popular, we often receive feedback that students would like more trips to practice the skills they learned. In hopes of setting a precedent for more practice trips as follow-ups to BMS schools, Janine Fugere and Robert O'Rourke are teaming up to lead a GPS Practice Hike on Saturday, November 19. You can see the detailed trip description on page 3. Look for other follow-up practice trips led by Janine throughout the coming year, including more GPS Practice Trips, as well as Map and Compass Navigation, and Backpacking Practice Trips.

These trips are not instructional, nor are they intended to replace instruction in BMS schools, but rather to provide opportunities for informal practice. Participants may have graduated from the schools, may have gained their experience in other ways, or may just be looking for some introductory exposure before taking a school. As always, participants need to have relevant prerequisite hiking skills to attend a trip and one of the best ways to get these skills is to complete our BMS schools. Those with comparable experience or training may be considered by contacting a trip leader.

Part of Janine's and Robert's goal for scheduling the GPS Practice Hike is to establish a precedent for Trip Leaders of all types. Our Outings Committee has been doing a great job of recruiting more Trips Leaders and encouraging them to list more trips in our activity schedule. We hope to see a wide variety of trips offering practice opportunities to our members, including hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, cross-country skiing, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, snow and ice climbing trips. As part of this initiative, Janine and Robert's goal is to start a trend of offering trips of a wide variety which also offer opportunities to practice GPS and map compass navigation skills, avalanche safety & beacon skills and other survival essentials.

Trip leaders, please join us by scheduling as many trips as you can to offer practice opportunities to our members! School graduates, we hope you pursue becoming a Trip Leader. If you're interested in co-leading any of our listed trips to work toward earning your Trip Leader status, simply contact the Trip Leader listed in the activity guide. Alternatively, if there is a specific trip you'd like to lead, you may contact our Outings Committee at outings@cmcboulder.org and they will help you find a Leader qualified to sponsor your Co-lead of the trip.

Increasing the variety of trips offered in our activity schedule will provide us all more opportunities to get out and practice our skills. It's also a great way to meet people who share our interests and let's not forget, it's just plain fun to get out and play with our backcountry buddies!

Meet the New Trip Leaders

This month the Outings Committee would like to introduce two recently approved trip leaders, Clare Reda and Jeffrey Boring. Clare is a new C/D Hike and Group 2 Rock Leader, while Jeffrey is a new Group 1 Rock Leader. We congratulate both Clare and Jeffrey for volunteering their time with the club and for their work in meeting the trip leader requirements.

Clare joined the CMC in 2010 in order to take the Wilderness First Aid Class. It was something she had been putting off for many years, even though, as a rock climber and mountaineering enthusiast, she knew it would be “good for her.” Now that she has taken the class, she highly recommends it to others, having found the information, instruction, and hands-on practice invaluable.



In addition to becoming a trip leader, Clare has volunteered as an assistant instructor in both the Basic Rock School and the Rock Leading School. Clare also enjoyed co-leading trips this year on Seal Rock and on the Kelso Ridge of Torreys Peak. Her primary outdoor interest is alpine rock climbing of long moderate routes. She also enjoys adventure hikes such as high peak scrambles.

A couple of years ago, Clare became interested in trail running. She ran the Rim2Rim of the Grand Canyon, and then ran her first trail marathon this past June in South Dakota. She enjoys travelling where she can climb or hike on the trip. Some of her more recent travel adventures include climbing in the Canmore/

Banff area of Canada, in Aviemore, Scotland, and in the Atlas/Todra Gorge in Morocco.

Clare is a statistician who does population and budget forecasting for TRICARE Management Activity, under the Department of Defense. TRICARE provides healthcare for 9.6 million beneficiaries who are active duty military service members, military retirees, and family members. By working 9-hour days, Clare has alternate Fridays off to play outside.

Clare is a strong supporter of the Access Fund. She writes letters and advocates on behalf of climbers to maintain access to climbing areas. Clare writes a blog of her outdoor adventures at www.blog.climbergirl.com. She shares the little known fact about herself that she has never eaten ribs.

Jeffrey joined the CMC in 2008 after a friend and Boulder Group CMC member suggested that he become a member and take the Basic Rock School. Jeffrey was primarily interested in learning basic rock climbing skills and in meeting new people to climb with. Since joining, Jeffrey has taken the Basic Rock School, the Rock Leading School, and the Telemark Ski School. He has also volunteered as an assistant instructor in the Basic Rock School.



Jeffrey's outdoor interests include climbing, skiing, hiking, backpacking, and biking. He grew up in Georgia where he spent his time hunting, fishing, and backpacking. He first became interested in climbing and skiing when he moved to Colorado in 2004.

Jeffrey feels lucky that the outdoors is even part of his profession. He is an Open Lands Resource Specialist for Larimer County. In this position, he collects research data on open spaces, gathers public input, and plans recreation and restoration projects on about 40,000 acres of land in Larimer County. His work in west Loveland makes after-work climbing in Boulder a little difficult, but otherwise, he finds his job to be ideal.

Jeffrey's other interests include keeping honeybees, reading novels, watching Tennessee football, and spending time with his wife and dog. This year is Jeffrey's first with a backyard beehive. He hopes this happy colony will be producing honey by next year. Jeffrey shares the little known fact that he and his best friend started a band in high school called the Sidestream Smokebombs, without knowing how to play any instruments. He still thinks that being a rock star is the best job in the world.

Boulder Members to Receive Ellingwood and Blaurock Awards at Annual Dinner

For the first time in the history of the Colorado Mountain Club, this year the two highest state awards will both go to members of the Boulder group. The Albert Ellingwood Golden Ice Ax Mountaineering Achievement Award is awarded to CMC members who have distinguished themselves in mountaineering and inspired other club members to follow in their paths by teaching others. The Carl Blaurock Silver Piton Award is given to CMC members who've invested a substantial amount of service and leadership efforts to help significantly improve the club. Not only is this the first year ever that both awards will go to members of the same group, but they are also both Boulder group members! The two awards will be presented at this year's Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 5. Please come join us at the dinner to find out who will be the esteemed winners of these awards.

Advanced Mountaineering School, Winter 2012

Come learn how to successfully plan your own winter mountain climbs and trips to high mountains where winter conditions prevail! Advanced Mountaineering School takes place in January/February 2012 and includes four field trips and six lectures, covering crevasse rescue, glacier travel, snow shelters, ice climbing, expedition planning, and training for expeditions. Applications were due Monday, October 31 and can be found at <http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/applicationForms/amsApp.pdf>. If space is still available after that time, applicants can apply through November 30. For details, see <http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/ams.html>. If you have questions, please contact the director Val Hovland at ams@cmcboulder.org

Rocky Mountain Rescue Group Benefit

For the fifth year in a row, the Walnut Brewery is brewing a special beer, and will be donating a portion of all the sales proceeds to the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group (RMRG). The members of RMRG would like to invite friends and family members to patronize the Walnut Brewery either on the tapping night, which is Tuesday, November 8th, from 6pm-closing, or for the rest of the month of November, while the Winter Wheat is available. Be there between 6:00 and 6:30 pm and your first pint is free! The Walnut Brewery is located at 1123 Walnut Street in Boulder. For more information, visit <http://www.RockyMountainRescue.org/walnut.php>

2011-2012 BMS Winter Schools Program

The snow has started to fall in the mountains, and it's time to start planning for your Winter Activities to take advantage of yet another La Nina Winter. BMS will again be sponsoring a number of clinics and schools throughout the winter. Signups begin in person on Nov 1, 7 p.m. at the Boulder Group Clubroom. This is your opportunity to meet the instructors, ask questions, and make sure you get in on the popular classes. Online signups start Nov 3rd.

On tap for the 2011-2012 winter season are: December 2011: Avalanche Level 1 and Telemark Skiing; January 2012: Ice School, Winter Camping, and Cross Country. Also starting in January 2012 are the multi-week advanced schools include Advanced Mountaineering School and Tele/AT Backcountry Skiing School. In March, Ski Mountaineering School will again headline. Details on the entire winter program can be found on the website at <http://cmcboulder.org/bms/winterSchedule.html>

We are also looking for instructors for all the schools. If you would like to get involved in teaching any of the winter schools, please contact Cindy at bms@cmcboulder.org with info on what you'd like to teach. We'd love to have you.

Clubroom Moving Sale

The Boulder Group is having a moving sale at 633 S Broadway Unit N on Saturday, November 19th from 4-6pm. Items for sale include two slide projectors, books, Boulder Mountain Park Maps, and surplus furniture.

Moving Help Needed

In the next two months we need to move the equipment from the current clubroom to the new clubroom. The first move will be on Tuesday, November 8th starting at 5 pm and going until at least 7 pm. We could use help with packing library books into boxes, carting the books into the new clubroom (about 40 feet away), moving two bookcases, and shelving books. If you can spare a couple of hours, please come by and help with the move. Even if you can't do any heavy lifting, we would welcome help with the books.

Subscribe to the Boulder Group's Weekly e-GPS Newsletter

Would you like to receive notices on courses, presentations, news and events for the Boulder Group, CMC and all around the Boulder/Denver area? If so, then subscribe to the Boulder Group's e-GPS newsletter! The current issue may always be found at <http://www.cmcboulder.org/docs/GPS/CurrentGPS.htm>. To subscribe and receive the e-GPS through a weekly email, follow the directions at <http://lists.cmcboulder.org/listinfo.cgi/e-gps-cmcboulder.org>.

Movie: Vanishing of the Bees

- submitted by Carrie Simon & Rick Casey

On Monday, November 21, at 6:30pm in the Clubroom, there will be a showing of the documentary "Vanishing of the Bees," on behalf of the Conservation Committee of the Boulder Group. This important film about colony collapse disorder (CCD), the mysterious large scale disappearance of bees from their hives, is intended to raise awareness of this disturbing global phenomenon. Michael Pollan, the famed food critic, makes an appearance, as well as leading experts from the honeybee industry in America and France. While the scientific reasons for CCD are not clear, there is much circumstantial evidence that chemical pesticides, GMO seeds and monoculture agriculture are involved. Come learn about the issues and what you can do. The film is 90 minutes long. A discussion session will follow for those who wish to attend. A suggested donation of \$5 is asked; all proceeds will go to benefit the Save the Honeybee Foundation, which made the film. For more information, see www.vanishingbees.com.

Centennial Celebration Climbs

The guidelines for trip leader participation in the Centennial Celebration Climbs to help celebrate the CMC's Centennial Anniversary have changed. Groups are no longer going to be allowed to reserve peaks for their leaders, and more than one leader can lead a trip to a particular Centennial Peak. To participate in this celebration, qualified Boulder trip leaders may now lead a trip to one or more of the Centennial Peaks (top 100) between now and December 31, 2012. Interested trip leaders should email bdwyer192@gmail.com and indicate which trip(s) they wish to lead. Leaders will be responsible for scheduling the trip in the CMC online schedule. Instructions, formats and assistance will be provided to help streamline the leader's participation.

There will be a link at the CMC website (<http://www.cmc.org>) starting March 1st to a spreadsheet of the Centennial Peaks. This will show the sign ups, schedules, completions, trip reports and photos of the trips. Participation in this program will help provide advertisement for the CMC and help allow members to climb the Top 100 peaks.

YEP Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following dates/times to help with belaying youth groups. Contact Ryan Johns at RyanJohns@cmc.org.

- Monday, November 7th – We need one volunteer to help spot students slacklining at their school from 12-4pm
- Tuesday, November 8th – We need one volunteer to help spot students slacklining at their school from 12-4pm
- Wednesday November 9th – 5 volunteers needed from 3:45-5:15
- Friday November 11th – 5 volunteers at the climbing wall from 8:45 – 1:15
- Monday, November 14th – 5th graders climbing at the REI Pinnacle wall in Denver. 10:15 – 2:30
- Wednesday November 16th - 5 volunteers needed from 3:45-5:15
- Friday November 18th – 4 volunteers needed 3:15-5:45
- Tuesday, November 22nd – 5 wall volunteers needed from 9:45-1:15

- Monday, November 28th – 2 sessions
 - 5 volunteers from 8:45-1:15
 - 5 volunteers from 3:45-5:45
- Wednesday, November 30th - 5 volunteers needed from 3:45-5:15

Help Blind and Mobility Disabled Skiers

Help those who want to go skiing, but need a bit of our assistance. Consider opening the trails up to these folks by becoming a ski guide for the visually or mobility-impaired. The first group is Ski for Light (<http://www.sfl.org/>) and they are seeking folks to guide skiers who are blind or use a sit-ski to travel the cross-country trails. Their Colorado event will be held at Snow Mountain Ranch on January 20-22. Their international event this year will be held in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah, February 5-12, 2012. Both events include training for new guides, and have housing, meals, and tickets arranged.

For a more local opportunity, consider volunteering for Ignite Adaptive Sports based out of Eldora ski area. They do half day and full-day guiding throughout the winter season and include cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and snowboarding. Their guide training starts up in December. Visit them at <http://test.igniteadaptivesports.org>.

Long's Peak Group Annual Dinner

The Longs Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club is hosting its annual dinner on Friday, November 4, 2011 at Callahan House, 312 Terry Street in Longmont. The dinner runs from 7 to 9 pm and the cost is free (paid by the Longs Peak Group). Coffee, tea and a dessert will be served from 7:00 to 7:45. At 7:45 there will be a short business meeting including short talks by the Executive Director of the CMC, Katie Blackett and by the CMC President, Alice White. From 8 to 9pm there will be a speaker. Please come to support the Longs Peak Group and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow CMC members.

Colorado Mountain Club - Boulder Group Annual Dinner, Meeting & Presentation!



Left Photo: Harry Waldrop, Walt Gove, Dave Robertson & Loren Adkin (left to right) with their 90 pound packs! Right Photo: Ski Camp on the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska.

Featuring a special presentation by:
David Robertson
Skiing the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska in 1969

David Robertson will share photos and memories of his extraordinary ten day 1969 skiing expedition across the Juneau Ice Fields of Alaska. Dave, a CMC member since 1956, has served many leadership roles in CMC, including five years as the Chairman of the CMC Conservation Committee. Dave will recount the ten day ski trip which he shared with Harry Waldrop, Walt Gove, and Loren Adkin, which to their knowledge, was the first trip of its kind at that time. Their trip also helped to establish a new code of ethics around skiing roped up.



Janet Robertson, Dave's wife, will also briefly speak about the book *100 Years Up High: Colorado's Mountains & Mountaineers*. Jan is one of the book's five authors.

**Saturday,
November 5, 2011**

Avalon Ballroom
6185 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder

Admission: \$10

Food: Potluck & BYOB
(Please bring a food dish to serve at least 6-8 people & label your serving dishes.)

Guests Welcome!

Evening Schedule:

Social Hour	5:00 PM
Potluck Dinner	6:00 PM
<i>(Music by Gary Schmidt)</i>	
Annual Meeting	7:15 PM
<i>(Music by Gary Schmidt)</i>	
Presentation	8:00 PM
Socializing	9:00 PM
Conclusion	9:30 PM

**CMC Boulder Group Annual Dinner
RSVP by Mail:**

Please list names of people attending:

Online Sign Up Available:

[http://www.tinv9.com/u/CMC Boulder Annual Dinner](http://www.tinv9.com/u/CMC_Boulder_Annual_Dinner)

-OR- Mail coupon with check to:
CMC Boulder Group
633 S. Broadway, Unit N
Boulder, CO 80305

Number of people ____ @ \$10 each
Total amount enclosed: \$_____

To volunteer: dinnerhelp@cmcboulder.org
Send pics to: dinnerpics@cmcboulder.org