Monthly Program March 10

“Alpine World Ascents — Boulder’s own guide and backcountry school”

Join us on March 10 at 7:30 pm at the Boulder Clubroom to hear Markus Beck.

Born and raised in Switzerland, Markus moved to Boulder in ’97 to follow his American wife. An experienced teacher with a master’s degree in education from the University of Bern, Markus made his passion his profession when he founded Alpine World Ascents in ’99.

Already a Swiss-certified ski and snowboard instructor and backcountry guide, Markus has achieved AMGA ski mountain guide certification, and anticipates to be fully certified by both the AMGA and the IFMGA in 2004. He is also an instructor and instructor trainer with the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE).

His work leads him to the mountains all over the globe, and he considers his the best job in the world — sharing his expertise with people of all abilities and backgrounds on an adventure in the mountains. Alpine World Ascents specializes in custom-designing its services to meet each client’s specific needs and expectations; service range from non-technical peak ascents and trekking to multi-day technical ski and climbing expeditions.

The show will feature his stories from such stunning places as the European Alps, Nepal, Mexico’s volcanoes and other places in word and picture. It also provides much useful information on

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The Updated CMC Trail Map is Here!

— by Doug Turley, Map Committee member

As you read this, the new CMC Boulder Group Mountain Parks and Nearby Open Space Trail Map should be in the stores and flying out the doors. Eighteen months of work has finally come to fruition and the map is complete!

Some highlights:
- 4-color printing on both sides
- Complete and updated trail descriptions provided
- New trails have been added and climber access trails are shown
- Uses the latest updated trails from the city’s GIS database

John Roesink, a CU geology graduate student and member of the Interactive Geology Project, graciously donated the cartographic work. John spent countless hours accumulating the proper GIS datasets from the USGS, Boulder County and the City of Boulder, integrating them and

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Boulder Hiking School Registration Begins April 8

Have you ever wanted to take a hike or go backpacking somewhere but didn’t know where to go or what to take along? Ever wondered how to read a trail map or use a compass to find your way? Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the wilderness? The Boulder Hiking School may be just the school for you.

BHS will teach you those specific skills and more, or give the opportunity to review your skills. The school concentrates on the non-technical skills that will increase your enjoyment of the mountains and help you deal with any unexpected situations that may arise. It will also allow you to meet other hikers with the same interests.

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New Member Orientation March 17

Maybe you’re new to the Colorado Mountain Club or perhaps you’re thinking of joining the CMC? You should come and listen to the New Member Orientation Program on Wednesday, March 17, from 7-8:15 pm at the Boulder Group Clubroom.

Even if you’re a long-standing CMCer this is a great opportunity to bring along someone who may be interested in having fun in the mountains and meeting new friends. You’ll hear an enjoyable presentation on

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exporting them to our designer, Burke Design. More information about John and IGP can be found at http://igp.colorado.edu/.

We know you will like the new design created by Dani Burke and her associates. The clean look of the cover combined with pleasing color tones provides an attractive look on the shelf and makes the trail descriptions and other text simple and easy to read. Our cover photo, suggested by Pete Birkeland, is an aerial photo of the Flatirons with Longs Peak in the background. Don Eicher, a retired CU geology professor, took the original photograph.

The Map Committee consists of Doug Turley, Pete Birkeland, Phil Straffin, Laura Turley and Jim Groh. Numerous other people assisted with ideas and proofing, and we would like to thank them all, along with the CMC Boulder Group Council for their dedication and willingness to support this project. Lastly, we need to thank the Staff and Rangers from Boulder OSMP for their gracious assistance and input throughout.

Our new map can be found at most bookstores and outdoor-/athletic-oriented stores in the Boulder area. Suggested retail price is $8.50. Club members can purchase the map at the Clubhouse and all proceeds will go to the club.

Look for more information in a soon-to-be-printed Get Out article in the Boulder Daily Camera, and happy hiking!

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BHS consists of five classes with two required field trips, two optional field trips and hikes on the other weekends. It is open to all CMC members who are at least 14 years old as of April 22. Non members may join the CMC and register for the school at the same time. The registration fee is $50. There is no refund after BHS begins.

To graduate, students must attend all the lectures, the two required field trips and one of the hikes.

Applications may be obtained at the Boulder Clubroom starting April 8. Register in person at the clubroom on April 8 from 6:30 to 9 pm or during regular clubroom hours after April 8. Applications with payment may also be mailed to the Clubroom, 633 South Broadway, Unit N, Boulder 80305.

Classes are from 6:30 to 9 pm on Thursday nights at the clubroom, starting April 22.

**Boulder Hiking School Spring 2004 Schedule**

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For more information contact the Hiking School Director, Phil Congdon, at 303-926-1408 or bhs@cmcbooulder.org.

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the many technical aspects of being in the mountains, as well as insider-beta for those planning on doing a trip on their own.

Whether you just want to enjoy the show, gain some useful information, or learn about the life of a mountain guide, novice and experienced hikers, peak baggers, skiers and climbers alike will enjoy this event.

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the many offerings of the CMC including trail hiking, backpacking, long-distance trekking, peak climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and conservation activities.

You’ll learn about our numerous fun group outings as well as the excellent training offered by the Boulder Hiking School, Boulder Mountaineering School, Advanced Mountaineering School, Ice Climbing School, Rock Leading School, Back Country Ski School and our Leadership Seminars. You’ll also hear about our various clinics such as Mountain Oriented First Aid, Rock Rescue and Avalanche Awareness.

Call 303-554-7688 for more information.

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*E-mail:* Compass.Newsletter@earthlink.net
Areas Closed in Boulder Canyon to Protect Wildlife

To protect nesting birds of prey, certain climbing areas on National Forest System lands in Boulder Canyon were closed to all users as of February 1. The areas commonly known as “Eagle Rock,” “Blob Rock,” “Bitty Buttress,” and the “Security Risk Area” are closed to climbing and other activities. These areas are located along State Highway 119 and within approximately one and one-half miles east of Boulder Falls.

Signs are posted at key access points into the closed areas. Closures are effective through July 31. Volunteers and wildlife officers will monitor the areas, and closure status could change prior to July 31. For the most current closure information, check signs in the areas, or visit the Boulder Ranger District web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/arnf/districts/brd/index.html.

The Forest Service continues to cooperate with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Boulder County Nature Association to protect critical nesting areas for birds of prey.

Cooperation from climbing groups, also essential for protecting these areas, is emphasized by Shawn Tierney, Access and Acquisitions Director for the Access Fund. “We are very supportive of seasonal wildlife closures to protect raptors, and we work closely with land management agencies to get information out to the climbing community.” Boulder District Ranger Christine Walsh said, “We appreciate the support the climbing community provides for these important wildlife closures.”

It is against federal and state law to disturb any nesting bird of prey. Please help protect wildlife by respecting all closures, immediately leaving if you should accidentally enter one, and urging other visitors to do the same. Please also be aware that the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (303-441-3440) and Boulder County Parks and Open Space (303-441-3950) also enforce closures to protect nesting birds of prey.

Editor’s note: The Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks raptor closures also went into effect on Feb. 1 They are the usual ones and are more fully described at http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/news/closures-04.htm.

JOIN CMC’s Conservation Alert List to learn about and get involved with upcoming events, issues, etc. Send an e-mail to conservation@cmc.org with a message saying you want to sign up.

Changes to Ski Classifications?

There has been discussion in recent days regarding the CMC’s classification of ski trips. Ski leaders have expressed concerns regarding some participants’ lack of preparation and insufficient skills/training. The primary concern appears to be in the areas of downhill skiing ability, equipment, and avalanche training.

The Denver Group’s Free Heel Skiing Section would like to invite ski trip leaders from the Boulder Group to provide thoughts on the current classification of CMC ski trips and what changes (if any) you would like to see to the current system so that participants are better informed of the conditions of a given trip and the minimum skills required.

Please e-mail your comments to miller866@comcast.net. Comments, recommendations, discussions, etc. will be compiled and reviewed by the section. If there is a general consensus for classification changes, a proposal for revisions to the classification system will be developed and presented to Council.

Don’t forget!

Spring Boulder Mountaineering School

Spring BMS starts March 30 with the first of seven lectures. Learn about mountain environment, conservation, climbing techniques, knots, clothing, footwear, nutrition, weather, medical emergencies, avalanche-awareness basics, and navigation with map and compass.

For more information, contact the Clubroom at 303-554-7688, or Ken Vogler, BMS Director, at bms@cmcboulder.org.

WRV March Events

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, a Boulder-based non-profit, has two events planned this month.

March 11: Crew Leader Training

March 20: Marlatt Pond, Boulder County Parks and Open Space (rain date April 3)

For more information, send e-mail to wrv@ecomail.org or call 303-543-1411.

Concert at the AMC

March 11: John Davis, finger-style guitar player and songwriter; Foss Auditorium at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden; 8 pm. For ticket information, call 303-777-1003.

CMC Mountain Mania Membership Campaign

For every new member you bring in between March 1 and May 31, you’ll get $5 in CMC Bucks.

For more information, call 303-996-2742 or 800-633-4417 and ask for Kristy Judd, juddk@cmc.org; Alison Conrad, conrad@cmc.org, or Julie Beckwith, beekwj@cmc.org.
March 2004 Boulder Group Trips

Saturday, March 06, 2004

**Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat**

Moderate A

The Saturday Social is a half-day hike with a social spirit and a sweaty end. We then try to warm up over some coffee or lunch. We meet at Einstein's at the corner of Broadway and Baseline. Park in the greater BaseMar Shopping Center lot. Please arrive at 9 AM and help decide our destination. Come prepared to hike in any weather.

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**BMS Field Trip (Instructors)**

BMS instructor snow review

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**Rogers Pass Lake**

Adv. I Ski Tour

Park near the East Portal RR tunnel and follow the trail up the South Boulder Creek drainage to the meadow below Haystack Mtn. Climbing skins strongly recommended.

Peter Gowen 303 494-5420

Saturday, March 07, 2004

**BMS Snow Make Up Field Trip**

Registered Fall BMS students, who could not attend snow practice in November, will practice self arrest and snow travel techniques. Each student will attend only on their pre-determined day.

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**Tuesday, March 09, 2004**

**3-day Tele/AT Backcountry Ski clinic, Lecture #3**

Planning trip for the final 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry Ski clinic trip. Participants will rely on all the things learned in the prior lectures and field trips to plan a trip that climb and descend a high peak with skis.

Willy Gully 303 939-8382

Saturday, March 13, 2004

**Sheep Mtn, 8,540', Round Mtn Natl Recr Trail**

Difficult B

Feeling a little more rotund than usual after hibernal hibernation? This evening will review hikin g trail options on Round Mtn trail. On the Round Mountain Natl Recreation Trail to Sheep Mtn. Scenic views, interesting rock outcroppings and an excellent trail.

Gary Schmidt 970 613-0396

**Forest Lakes to Guinn Mtn Cabin Adv. I Ski Tour**

Ski from East Portal to Forest Lakes and on to the Guinn Mtn Cabin for brunch, then back the way we came. Prepare for a long day and bring a headlamp(!)

Steve Priem 303 499-9024

Sunday, March 14, 2004

**Coney Flats Easy II Ski Tour**

From Beaver Reservoir, glide into the valley below dramatic Sawtooth Mtn.

Robert Mayer 303 444-2548

3-day Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic, Field trip #3, Skiing a peak trip

Participants in this one-day field trip will rely on all the things learned in the prior lectures and field trips to climb and descend a high peak with skis. For registered 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry ski clinic participants. Prerequisite: prior lectures and field trips

Willy Gully 303 939-8382

Saturday, March 20, 2004

**Deer Creek Mod. II Ski Tour**

Start at the end of the plowed road above Montezuma and follow the 4WD road along Deer Creek to the top of the divide around 12,360 ft. Climbing skins suggest for last pitch to the divide. Good telemarking terrain at the top.

Peter Gowen 303 494-5420

**Brainard Cabin, Snowshoe Mod. Snowshoe**

It’s the first day of spring, and we’ll spend it in Indian Peaks on the snowshoe trail to the Brainard Cabin. Bring lunch and $1 if you’re a member, or $2 if not, for cabin fee.

Natalie Mack 303 543-8305

**BMS instructor rock review**

Rock review for BMS instructors.

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**Saturday, March 20 to Sunday, March 21**

**Mt. Elbert 14,433’**

Difficult D

This is a all-womens climb. Snowshoe up Saturday from Twin Lakes. Snowcamp at the base of the east ridge. Climb Elbert’s east ridge on Sunday. Snowshoes required.

Shelly Scott-Nash 303 443-4851

**Sunday, March 21, 2004**

**Coney Flats Easy II Ski Tour**

From Beaver Reservoir, glide into the valley below dramatic Sawtooth Mtn.

Louis F Genduso 303 530-3795

**Saturday, March 27, 2004**

**BMS Instructor Rescue Practice**

BMS instructor rescue practice.

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**Saturday, March 28, 2004**

**Boulder Direct, Wind Tower I Climb, 5.5**

Friction your way up a large boulder and then work your way up two pitches of cracks through a hole in the top. This is an excellent beginners climb.

Yvonne Nh Ching-D’Andrea 303 499-8213

**Sunday, March 29, 2004**

**Forest Lakes 10,840’ Diff. Snowshoe**

Try this good, but sometimes steep, trip in the East Portal area. Number of lakes visited will depend on wishes of group.

Seth W Allen 303 554-5546

**South Boulder Peak and Bear Peak Difficult B**

Climb South Boulder Peak and Bear Peak via Shadow Canyon.

Bruce Immele 303 665-0888

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

**BMS lecture #1**

Meet at the Boulder Clubroom for the Introductory lecture.

Kenneth J Vogler 303 530-3309

**AWE-inspiring Colorado Rocky Mountains**
New Book is “all the information you need about the Cordillera Blanca under one cover”

Coloradoan Brad Johnson spent the last eight years writing *Classic Climbs of the Cordillera Blanca Peru*, which was chosen a finalist in the guidebook category at the 2003 Banff Mountain Book Festival.

From the book cover: “*Classic Climbs of the Cordillera Blanca Peru* is the most beautiful and comprehensive book yet produced about Peru’s — and South America’s — most famous mountain range. With 182 spectacular color images, including 16 panoramas, and detailed descriptions, author Brad Johnson leads us to the best that the Cordillera Blanca has to offer. Also included are 12 three-dimensional maps, a cartographic technique never before presented in a climbing guidebook. Johnson’s savvy travel tips and colorful anecdotes support the conventional wisdom that nowhere else are high-altitude climbs so enjoyable, accessible and inexpensive. Here, for the first time, is all the information you need about the Cordillera Blanca under one cover.”

A signed copy can be ordered directly from the author by sending a $36 check to Brad Johnson, 45 Ridgeview Lane, Ridgway, CO 81432. For more information, call Brad at 970-626-5251.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers collaborates closely with the Boulder CMC and would love to have your help to care for the public lands we all love so much. Here is what’s happening with WRV in April.

Left Hand Canyon, Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest  April 17 (rain date April 24) — Help restore meadow and forest habitat at a site in Left Hand Canyon that is now protected from severe damage caused by past motorized recreation. Volunteers will stop severe erosion and promote revegetation through a variety of restoration methods. This is a great way to learn more about ecological restoration! Lunch is provided and no experience is required.

To register or for more information, send e-mail to wrv@ecomail.org or call 303-543-1411. To see the full 2004 project schedule, go to www.wrv.org.

Where Are We?!?

The Boulder Clubroom is located in the Table Mesa Shopping Center on Broadway. It’s on the upper level, around the west corner from the Neptune Mountaineering store and straight back. You can also park on the lower level and walk up the stairs in front of Video Update.

Refer a BMSer, be a winner!

Win $100 to spend at Neptune Mountaineering

Boulder Mountaineering School (BMS) is awarding a $100 Neptune’s gift card to the individual referring the most new students to this spring’s Mountaineering School.

Winner must refer two or more students; any tie to be resolved by a drawing.

BMS registration begins March 4 at the Boulder Group Clubroom.

Welcome New Members!

We broke a record at our new member orientation in January when a dozen people joined our ranks!

A warm Boulder Group welcome to:

Sheila Sinclear Ray Daniels
Bill Weygandt John Conner
Dave Jilk Annette Knof
Nancy Crume Jan Ernest
Lisa Lunar John Brooks
Pat Lehman Charlotte Stewart

Let the fun begin!
Radical Reels
Radical Reels, a collection of action films from the Banff Mountain Film Festival, will be shown April 2 at 7 pm at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

Radical Reels incorporates adventure sports, environment, mountain culture, heritage, etc. in action-filled shorts and longer, more comprehensive films.

Tickets are $10 and go on sale March 12 and all REI Denver-Boulder stores. Proceeds benefit the CMC.

In the third week of March, watch for a playlist at www.REI.com/Retail Stores and Events.

Mailing party March 18
Come to the Boulder Clubroom and help mail out the Compass! This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club.

The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, March 18, at 5:30 pm, so please just drop in. Phone 303-554-7688 for more information.

Head’s Up!
The CMC’s Spring Equipment Sale will be Friday, April 16, 6-8 pm at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

Check the next issue of the Compass for details.

Also, the CMC needs YOU to help with pre-sale setup, sale monitoring, cashiering, and post-sale cleanup for the sale. Pick a few hours between 3:30 and 8:30 pm and come help out!

For more information, contact Zoe Katsulos by e-mail (preferred) at zphoto@aol.com or at 303-772-4504.

Advertise in the Compass
Help pay our production costs and let 1,600 of your friends know about your business!

The Compass newsletter is now accepting up to one full page of advertising per issue. Prices are: full page, $400; half-page, $250; quarter page, $150; eighth page, $80; business card, $70 (nothing smaller than a business card will be accepted). All layout work must be done by the advertiser and ads must be submitted and pre-paid one month in advance for the following issue. Call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688 or e-mail the Compass at Compass.Newsletter@earthlink.net.

Get on the list!
The weekly GPS electronic newsletter contains 5 to 10 paragraphs of timely announcements & other useful information. Our e-mail currently has a little over 500 members. Since the Boulder Group of the CMC has over 1,600 members, this means we aren’t reaching everybody by a long shot.

To be included on the list, simply send e-mail to GPS editor Steve Gendron, sdg0235@aol.com, with the words “GPS E-mail Newsletter” in the Subject area. You can include a message if you want, but it isn’t necessary.

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