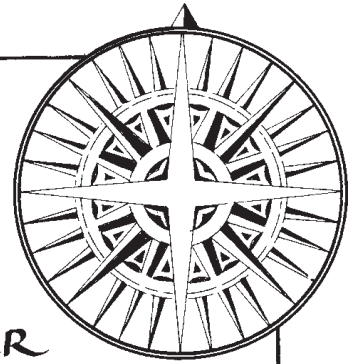




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THE BOULDER GROUP NEWSLETTER



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No Monthly Program in Oct.

The CMC Boulder does a monthly program every 2nd Wednesday (unless otherwise specified). For more information, see www.cmcboulder.org/ or call 303-554-7688.

To arrange a presentation of your own or suggest a good presenter, contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rbguthrie@yahoo.com, or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688.



Annual Dinner Member Photo Show

Come display your own favorite shots at the Annual Dinner Photo Print Show on Sunday, November 7.

It's a long-standing tradition. You are encouraged to bring along and display one or more of your very favorite images, even casual snapshots of your buddies on the trail. This informal photography show is open for any photograph (framed or not), or snapshot, or computer-based image with an outdoors or travel theme. Stands will be provided for matted or mounted photos, plus a community bulletin board will be available for snapshots. Remember to provide captions so that we'll know what the image is all about, and try to arrive a little early — say around 5:00pm — to set up your photos on the stands.

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Annual Dinner with Kevin Volz!

Mark your calendar now for the *2004 Boulder CMC Annual Dinner* on November 7 — it will be a good one! Local friend of the CMC, Kevin Volz, is the keynote speaker.

Many of us remember Kevin from his years as manager of the local Boulder EMS store where he was always so helpful when CMC members stopped in to shop for a new pair of hiking boots or to gather gear for a BMS field trip.

Kevin is with the Boulder-based GoLite Company now, and as a potential sponsoring organization GoLite may donate some gifts for trip leaders. We're also working on a silent auction of a \$1000 "Ultimate Backpacking Kit," so stay tuned.

Remember that the Annual Dinner is our only large yearly get-together as a group and it's always a lot of fun for everyone. It's also the only "formal" event we ever have as a club, so be prepared to see fellow CMCers uncharacteristically attired in dresses, coats & ties (ice-axes, backpacks and rock climbing helmets not required). This year's dinner will be Sunday, November 7, at 5:30pm in the Glenn Miller Ballroom on the CU campus.

If you've never attended one, you ought to come this year and join two hundred of your fellow club members for a pleasant evening of dining and socializing. And, oh yes, you can check out the terrific Member Photo Show too.

So please fill out and send in the dinner ticket form enclosed here in the *Compass* today!

AMS applications available October 1

Applications for the 2005 session of the Boulder Group's *Advanced Mountaineering School* are available Oct. 1 at the Clubroom and are due Nov. 11.

The AMS teaches how to successfully plan and climb peaks in high altitude winter conditions all over the world. Four field trips cover glacier travel, crevasse rescue, winter camping, snow structures, ice climbing, fixed lines, and expedition planning. Students will plan and execute an overnight peak ascent in winter conditions. Five lectures supplement the field trips with topics such as expedition planning, equipment, high altitude physiology and first aid, training, group dynamics and examples of high peak and expedition climbs.

AMS field trips are long, cold days with 4:00am start times. Two of them are overnight field trips involving strenuous activity and camping in cold winter conditions. Minimum prerequisites for the school are BMS or equivalent, intermediate snow practice or equivalent; knowledge in placing and using rock anchors; adequate physical fitness; and significant mountaineering experience consisting of multiple peak climbs including technical and snow routes, backpacking, and participation in various winter activities.

Enrollment is on an application basis and is limited. Applications and information about the school may be obtained from the clubroom at 303-554-7688. For additional information contact the AMS director, Wes Berg, at 970-207-0724.



Annual Dinner — The Tradition Continues

But at a cost...

— by Marilyn Fellows, Social Committee Chair, Past Chair of the Boulder Group

The Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain Club has been holding its annual dress-up dinner & slide show in the Glen Miller Ballroom at the University of Colorado campus for literally decades now. This year the tradition will carry on, but due to their own increased expenses, the folks at the University have decided to raise the price of the ballroom rental and food service to almost double what it has been in the past... so our ticket prices must rise too.

In this year of financial recovery for the CMC, the club is simply unable to subsidize the price of the dinner. To make everything fair, we have taken the total cost for the event and divided it by the average number of attendees (generally 200 or so) to arrive at a new price per ticket. This event is not a moneymaker for the club; we only hope to break even.

Nonetheless, the food, drink and entertainment will continue to be great so please think of it as a friend of mine does, telling me this is what she would pay for an evening out elsewhere in town anyway. Please do come and socialize with 200 of your new & old friends and *carry on the tradition with us!*

Also, if you have any GREAT ideas — or simple changes — for *next* year's event let us know (maybe an annual picnic, potluck in your backyard or any other suggestions? Did you know, for instance, that in a bygone era it was held at the Brainard Cabin?). Please contact me, Marilyn Fellows, at 303-887-1919 or marilyn.fellows@eratradowind.com.

Compass ad prices lowered

In 2002, the *Compass* began accepting advertisements for the first time in our many years of publication. We did this as a service to our members so that we could afford the extra expense incurred by expanding the newsletter from four to six pages. By advertising in the *Compass* you can help pay our production costs and at the same time let your Boulder friends know about your business.

And *Compass* ad prices **have just been slashed sharply**, so now you can afford to reach out to all 1,600 Boulder CMC members!

New prices are:

Full page, \$195	Half-page, \$110
Quarter page, \$60	Eighth page, \$40
Business card, \$35 (nothing smaller than a business card is accepted)	

All layout and art work must be done by the advertiser. Ads must be submitted and *pre-paid* one month in advance for inclusion in the following issue. It is preferred that ad art be in electronic format and emailed to the *Compass* editor. Payment checks should be made out to “Colorado Mountain Club, Boulder Group” with the note, “Compass Ad” at the bottom and sent to Boulder Group CMC, 633 South Broadway, Unit N, Boulder 80305.

For more information call the Clubroom manager, Sheila Delamere, at 303-554-7688 or e-mail the *Compass* editor, Danita Dickinson, at danita@izzy.net.

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And also (hint, hint) the Boulder Group Clubroom has a great big bare wall just begging to display your own favorite framed photographs, so you might consider lending or donating one or more of your pictures for display there. (Tell Don Walker or Sheila Delamere, or one of the other Group officers during the dinner if you'd like to do this — or you may simply bring the piece to the Clubroom some other time at your convenience).

Mailing party Oct. 21

Come to the 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, October 21, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone 303-554-7688 for more information.



Get on the list!

Our weekly *GPS* electronic newsletter has a new editor, Brenda Leach, who took over for Steve Gendron last month. Thanks to both Brenda and Steve for their great work!

GPS contains 5 to 10 paragraphs of timely announcements & other useful information. To be included on the list, simply send e-mail to brenda_leach@yahoo.com with the words “GPS E-mail Newsletter” in the Subject line. You can include a message if you want, but it isn't necessary.



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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos. Please submit material by the second Monday of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

E-mail: danita@izzy.net (please include “Compass” in the subject line)

Boulder Volunteer Opportunities

The Colorado Mountain Club has been a volunteer driven organization for over 90 years. As a CMC member your efforts are a critical for our success. Offered below are opportunities to get more involved in the Club. Please step forward & don't be shy. You'll have fun and meet some great new people.

CMC State Board of Directors. Applicants are needed now for the Colorado Mountain Club state Board of Directors, terms to begin in January 2005. The "Board" is the over-all directing body for the state-wide Colorado Mountain Club organization. All volunteers are welcome to apply, though it is preferred that you have at least a couple of years CMC experience. Please email Don Walker for more information and an application form: dwyattwalker@direcway.com.

Monthly Program Helper. Know people with great mountain adventure stories to tell? Help line up interesting speakers for our monthly programs. Contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rbguthrie@yahoo.com.

For general information about volunteering for the CMC, phone Sheila Delamere, Volunteer Coordinator, at 303-554-7688 during Clubroom office hours, Monday through Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

CMC Critical Financial Decisions

— by Don Walker, Boulder Group Chair

This message is about a difficult situation the Colorado Mountain Club currently finds itself in. The fundamental issue is that our revenues have not kept up with expenses and we are facing deficits over the next several years unless some changes are made.

The CMC has evolved considerably since its inception in 1912, from a small hiking club into what it is today, the preeminent mountaineering organization in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Since the 1960s, the CMC has taken a proactive stance in conservation matters, and was an instrumental voice in the passage of the U.S. Wilderness Act. During the 1990s, the CMC joined together with the American Alpine Club to create the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, a superb facility with a library envied around the world. Substantial education programs have been introduced to educate not only our own members, but the public as well. Through education and our unparalleled schools, we continue to teach people how to safely enjoy the outdoors, and how to preserve the environment for the next generations. Further, the CMC has created by far the strongest Colorado-specific conservation effort to protect our mountains from excessive overuse by people, motorized traffic, livestock grazing, logging and mining.

The point is that all of these extraordinary efforts take money — more money than is currently coming in from our various sources.

The CMC State Finance Committee has met over the past many weeks trying to discover ways to reduce unnecessary expenses, while at the same time hoping to minimize impacts on membership services. Unfortunately, you have already noticed that in order to reduce expenses, the August issue of *Trail & Timberline* was not printed, but instead placed on the website for access. At this point the committee has decided that continuing to reduce expenses is not the total solution, and that increasing revenues must be a part of the equation as well. In response, a substantial dues increase has surfaced as a way to reverse the current trend and allow the CMC to continue our programs — programs that many members support, at least in principle. Certainly, however, there are those who do not agree with the CMC's current path, and we should also hear their ideas and suggestions on how to "right the ship."

As I write this, no final decision has yet been made about the size of the dues increase, or even, for that matter, if there will be one for certain. As we learn more, I will make every effort to keep the Boulder Group informed. Also, bear in mind that it is the CMC State Board of Directors (not your local Boulder Group officers) who will make the final decision. I will be happy to pass on any opinions Boulder members may have, so please e-mail me if you like: dwyattwalker@direcway.com.

Advanced Navigation/ Intro to Orienteering Clinic October 6



This clinic will provide an opportunity to hone map reading and navigation skills. Goals include improving ability to read terrain features accurately, navigating efficiently and safely, balancing terrain reading vs. compass use, and learning the fundamentals of orienteering. Participants will learn about these and other topics through an evening lecture/workshop and practice them during a half-day field trip.

The lecture will be 6:30-9pm at the Boulder Clubroom on Wednesday, Oct. 6. The field trip will take place in the NCAR-Mesa Trail area the following weekend, with up to 8 students per field trip group. Participants need to have basic map and compass skills, such as obtained through BMS, the hiking school or equivalent experience.

The clinic will be taught by CMCers Gordon McCurry and Nancy Hobbs. Gordon has practiced backcountry navigation for over 30 years and has competed in orienteering events since the late 1970s. He and Nancy spend a lot of time exploring off-trail above treeline, are active in the local orienteering community, and competed in an international 24-hour orienteering championship last May.

The cost is \$25. Preregistration is required so the materials used in the evening session can be assembled. Maximum of 24 students. Contact Nancy Hobbs at nancyLhobbs@earthlink.net with questions or to register.

September 2004 Boulder Group Trips

Saturday, October 02

Bear Pk. 8,461', S Boulder Pk. 8,549' *Difficult B*

Follow the Mesa Trail to Shadow Canyon Creek, then up the ridge, past Devils Thumb and The Maiden, to Bear Pk summit. Return via S Boulder Pk. Don Kava 303 494-2632

Saturday, October 02 to Sunday, October 03

BMS Prussik and Rappel *Field Trip*

Registered BMS students will practice rappelling and prussiking techniques. Each student will attend only on their pre-determined day. Ken Vogler 303 530-3309

Sunday, October 03

First Pinnacle, Gregory Amphitheater *I Climb, 5.5*

Climb a dihedral, a chimney, and a face to reach the top of this rock, which is part of a natural amphitheater. Down climb with prussics to descend. Chris Glascock 303 664-1464

Tuesday, October 05

BMS Lecture #5 *Lecture*
Meet at the Clubroom. Ken Vogler 303 530-3309

Friday, October 08

Finch Lake, Pear Lake *Moderate B*

Ascend the Allenspark Trail to these lovely lakes nestled beneath St. Vrain Mountains. View of the dramatic high peaks of Wild Basin. Ruth Eastman 303 652-3097

Saturday, October 09 to Sunday, October 10

BMS Navigation *Field Trip*

Registered BMS students will practice navigation skills. Each student will attend only on their pre-determined day. Ken Vogler 303 530-3309

Tuesday, October 12

BMS lecture #6 *Lecture*

Meet at the Clubroom for the navigation lecture. Bring your compass, pencil, etc. Ken Vogler 303 530-3309

Saturday, October 16

Social Hike to see what's left of the Aspens. Destination to be decided by weather and leaf change altitude. Meet at the clubroom at 8:00 am. Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099

Sunday, October 17,

Andrews Tarn 11,390' *Difficult B*

From Glacier Gorge Trailhead ascend trail through forest to The Loch. Follow Andrews Creek drainage to the base of Andrews Glacier. Louis F Genduso 303 530-3795

Sunday, October 17,

The Great Zot *III Climb, 5.8*

Climb at the upper west end of Redgarden in Eldorado Canyon. Jam out a crack on the top of a small cave (5.8+) on this multi-pitch route. Ron Olsen 303 449-1935

Tuesday, October 19

BMS Lecture #7 *Lecture*

Meet at the Clubroom for a lecture and final. Ken Vogler 303 530-3309



Sunday, October 24

Bakers Way, First Flatiron *I Climb, 5.4*

This classic tour begins with a short steep wall on the SE side of the First Flatiron, then follows the remarkable wide ledge system that diagonals all the way across the massive E face to the N ridge. From there, escape into the trees is accomplished en rappel. Meet at Chatauqua at 7 am. George Barisas 970 229-9872

Sunday, October 24

Castle Rock, West Face, Boulder Canyon *I Climb, 5.5*

This 2-pitch climb begins with a slot or crack to the first belay. Next climb a chimney and then follow cracks to the summit. Down climb with a short rappel on the North Side. Bruce Immele 303 665-0888



Map Committee Meeting

The map committee will meet Monday, October 4, at 6:30pm, at the Clubroom.

Climbing on Moonlight

(the final installment of Clint Locks' adventure story)

Regaining my composure (and breathing again), I chose a higher placement where the crack widened a bit more. Upon testing this piece, I felt a bit better. It held and I got back on the horse. Moving ever-so-carefully, I pulled up, high enough to gain a second, more agreeable stopper.

For a while, I was happy, 20 feet into the pitch, but the section never really let up, always demanding my full attention mentally and physically. By now, striking blasts of heat were shooting off the sandstone into my face. It was getting to be noon and I didn't have to look at my watch to tell. Beyond that, I was in trouble! With 30 feet to the next belay chains, I had used all the gear I had that would fit this size crack! I was too far up for Rich to send me anything and I couldn't back down, either.

Climbing forces action and improvisation. There are many times you don't have the luxury of turning back. If one thing doesn't work, you've got to push through the problem. Running dangerously low on gear, I had to make the serious decision to climb on through without protection to reach the chains far above!

I drew a deep breath, clipped my aid loops out of the way onto my harness, and found a good handhold. My focus narrowed to the next 28 feet of sandstone wall. This grade was at the top of my tested ability and I was more than a little reluctant.

As the world around me faded, I began to push my body upward toward a royal blue sky. Every muscle in my body was threatening to lock up in fear. "Breathe!" I reminded myself. "Focus and breathe!" Forever came and went.

Finally, the chains were before me. I grabbed a piece of gear and clipped myself into yet another hanging belay as sound came rushing back into my ears! Feeling like I was



One word: Wow.

floating, and with the adrenaline still pushing me on, I fixed the rope for Rich, set up the pulley for the haul bag, and did what I had to do. Reflection time was for later. The sun was chasing us down.

We decided to make a run to the summit that evening. Rich pulled off a beautiful pitch in record time and was able to free-climb the shorter, final pitch, albeit in the dark, to gain the summit. The haul bag wouldn't give up without a fight, though, and the crux of the pitch was "unsticking the pig" multiple times... in the dark.

Finally upon the summit, the celebration was subdued but attended to. The "high-fives," the quick, manic re-counting of certain sections, and the irrevocable smiles, for a while, beat down our tiredness. In the end, however, the consensus was to not chance the 3-mile hike off the backside in the dark. We were totally exhausted, stumbling in our fatigue.

I fished through the haul bag and pulled out our sleeping bags, throwing them upon the first horizontal ground we'd seen in 3 days, ate a quick meal of Ramen noodles, tuna jerky and water and we retired, beaten to a pulp...but oh, so satisfied! The next morning would find us atop the 1,800-foot Moonlight Buttress, looking out over the vast canyon of Zion.

I would think of the passages in the Bible from which this canyon got its name and praise God for lessons learned, friendships shared, and for such an incredible climb.

Don't forget!

■ WRV Project

Oct. 2: Ponderosa Forest Restoration. For info., send e-mail to wrv@ecomail.org or call 303-543-1411.





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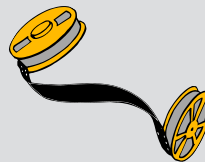
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Boulder Bunch's October Fun Stuff

Friday, October 8: *Movies with Marilyn* —
Meet at the Clubroom at 6:00pm to decide
where to go and what to see.



Saturday, October 16: *Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat (SSSS)* — Meet at the Clubroom at 8:00am for a moderate A hike to see what's left of the aspens. Destination will be decided by weather and leaf-change altitude. Call Marilyn at 303-499-6099 if you have questions, but you don't need to call to sign up for the hike, just show up and join us!



Plan dinner, be social!

We could still use some volunteers for the Annual Dinner committee. We need a few people to help behind the scenes interacting with the caterer, planning publicity, organizing the volunteers, etc.

No experience is necessary. If you like planning parties, this is a terrific opportunity to have a great time and help the CMC as well.

For more information, contact Marilyn Fellows at 303-499-6099 or marilyn.fellows@ERATradewind.com.



Volunteer for CMC Equipment Sale

Volunteers are needed for setup, monitoring, cashiering, and cleanup for the equipment sale on Oct. 8. Choose your hours between 3:30 and 8:30pm.

Contact Zoe Katsulos at zfoto@aol.com (preferred) or 303-772-4504.

CMC Board of Directors Members Needed

Desired skills include:

- Development • Marketing • Finance
- Community contacts • Love of the mountains!

The next 3-year term begins January 2005. For more information, please contact nominating committee chair Alice White at aawhite@jessopco.com or 303-670-0573.

Oh, The places you'll go!

Come to the CMC Boulder Group Annual Dinner Sunday, November 7, 2004



Enjoy another great Annual Dinner

And for after-dinner entertainment we'll all get to experience Kevin Volz's slide show about an "Average Joe's" sometimes not so average explorations.

An outdoor enthusiast with self-described "average skills", Kevin has lived a life that truly embodies the 'do what you love, love what you do' ideal and he knows that the best times in life are those spent with your friends on an adventure. Kevin Volz emphasizes the value of the team spirit and the wonderful rewards of a shared experience, from bagging 14ers to fighting his way up an 8,000-meter peak.

Kevin would rather spend a night out under the stars than at home in a bed. He is a climber, backcountry skier, mountain biker and canyoneer. He has climbed and skied throughout the US, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, Argentina and Pakistan.

And, oh yes, if you've lived in the Boulder area for more than a little while & if you've ever bought climbing or camping gear, the chances are Kevin himself sold you some of your precious mountaineering toys. This is because he was manager of our very own local Boulder EMS store for more than a dozen years.

Kevin now works for GoLite, a Boulder-based lightweight backpacking and outdoor apparel company.

Come share an evening with Kevin Volz and the CMC!

**The dinner will be held in the Glenn Miller Ballroom on the CU Campus. Reception begins at 5:30pm; Dinner starts at 6:30pm; Main program begins at 8:00pm.
The price for CMC members & guests is \$35 each; Non-members and "at the door" \$45 each.**

----- detach here and use form below -----

CMC Boulder Group Annual Dinner Sunday November 7, 2004

Please make check payable to *CMC Boulder Group*. You can mail (or drop off in person) your check along with this form at:

*CMC Boulder Group
633 S. Broadway, unit N, Boulder CO 80305
Attn: Annual Dinner Chairperson*

If you would like your tickets mailed back to you please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, otherwise you can just pick 'em up at the door. Got questions? Call Marilyn Fellows or Sheila Delamere at the Boulder Clubroom, 303-554-7688

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Phone _____

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Number of Vegetarian Entrees	___ X \$35	___ X \$45	= ___
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