No Monthly Program in Nov.
To arrange or suggest a good presenter, contact Bob Guthrie, Monthly Program Coordinator, at rgbuthrie@yahoo.com, or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688.

AMS applications due Nov. 11
Applications for the 2005 session of the Boulder Group’s Advanced Mountaineering School are due Nov. 11.

AMS teaches how to successfully plan and climb peaks in high altitude winter conditions. 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.

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. For an application, call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688. For additional information contact the AMS director, Wes Berg, at 970-207-0724.

Annual Dinner this Month!
If you hurry, you can still come! Be sure and fill out the enclosed Dinner Ticket form today and get it to the Clubroom by Friday, November 5.

The 2004 Dinner will be Sunday, November 7, in the Glenn Miller Ballroom on the CU campus at 5:30pm. Local friend of the CMC, Kevin Volz, will be the after-dinner speaker. Go-Lite, EMS, REI, Neptune Mountaineering and Southern Sun/Mountain Sun will be giving away some fabulous prizes — plus there will be a silent auction for a $1000 Go-Lite Adventure Package.

Remember that the Annual Dinner is our only yearly get-together as a group and it’s always a lot of fun. If you’ve never attended one, you really ought to come this year and meet a room full your fellow club members for a pleasant evening of dining and socializing. And, oh yes, be sure to check out the terrific CMC member photo show too!

Backcountry Ski Touring Clinic in January
If you want to start backcountry skiing, or want to improve your technique, this clinic is designed for you — taught by a group of CMC skiers with something close to 90,000 miles of skiing, collectively!

This clinic is for beginners (never been on skis), advanced beginners (downhilled or cross countryed a few times), and beginning intermediate skiers (cross countryed some, but need to learn more skills). A mandatory 3-hour seminar will be January 4, 7:00pm, at Neptune Mountaineering, 633 Broadway, adjacent to the Boulder Clubroom. The seminar covers clothing, equipment, technique, and other ski trips for these abilities during the winter.

This is followed by two days (January 8 and 15) in the backcountry, emphasizing efficient travel on the flats, uphill and downhill, and turns. People should be fit enough for a day of moderate exercise in variable conditions. Beginners are strongly encouraged to sign up for both outdoor days, at no extra cost. Others sign up for one day, but are welcome to attend both days at no extra cost if there is space available. Inform us of the days you will attend when you sign up.

For those without equipment, you can rent it at a discount. Call Pete Birkeland, 303-442-0304, about rentals, or anything else. Anyone can attend the indoor seminar, but for on-snow sessions call the Clubroom early, 303-554-7688, and arrange to pay the $15 fee in advance.

Pat Butler and Pete Birkeland are co-leaders of the class.
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.

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).

New and used book sale November 4-6
Over 100 used titles will be released from the AMC library and the CMC Press for both the active and armchair mountaineer. The sale will be at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, in conjunction with the Holiday Mart. Hours of operation: 11/4, 2-9pm; 11/5, 9am-9pm; 11/6, 9am-5pm.

Additionally, all CMC Press titles and Fourteeners calendar will be sold at 20% off. The Youth Education cards will also be on sale, and much more. Books make the perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season. Go to www.cmc.org or call 303-996-2743 for more information.

Mailing party Nov. 18
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, November 18, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone 303-554-7688 for more information.

Take a look…
Peter Stout’s landscape photographs of climbing areas from Yosemite Valley, CA, Smith Rock, OR and the Tetons, graced the walls of the Clubroom for the month of October.

If you wish to see those and more, visit Cafe Sole, just a few doors down from the Clubroom in the Table Mesa Shopping Center, where his work will be hanging for the month of November.

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Stacking wood at the October Brainard Cabin Fix-up Day. –photo by Don Walker
Boulder Volunteer Opportunities

The Colorado Mountain Club has been a volunteer driven organization for over 90 years. As a CMC member your efforts are 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: dwaynewalker@directway.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.

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**CMC Conservation Budget Issues**

--- Steve Bonowski, Chair, State CMC Conservation Committee

The Conservation Department of the Colorado Mountain Club provides a wide range of services to our members and Groups, representing the Club in various planning processes for both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Statewide, perhaps as many as 3/4 of all Club trips occur on lands managed by the two federal agencies. Planning encompasses both recreational use and protection of special places, and may be forest-wide or site specific.

A main interest for CMC members on these public lands is recreation activity, ranging from hiking to mountain biking to cross country skiing to accessing trailheads via four-wheel drive vehicles. CMC works with various partners, including some environmental groups. However, both historically and currently, CMC (and its Conservation Department) is the sole entity in Colorado that assumes the statewide role of year-round advocacy for quiet, non-motorized recreation. Periodic reports about the Department’s work appear on the Club web site, in T & T, and via other media, including a new e-mail newsletter.

Many members have by now heard of proposed dues increases at both the State level and in the Denver Group, perhaps as much as $25 per year, combined. The proposed budget for the Conservation Department in the current fiscal year is about $170,000. Few members know that a maximum of just $30,000, or less than 18% of the budget, comes from member dues. This amount is not enough to pay for even one employee. In fact, the Department is able to exist solely because the staff fundraises their own salaries each year.

Many CMC members give generously beyond their dues payments to help support the Conservation Department. However, staff still needs to raise over $110,000 in the coming fiscal year in order to sustain the Department and its work. Other funding comes primarily from foundation grants, with some limited corporate support. Foundation support, also known as “soft” money, is cyclical for many reasons.

As we enter the last quarter of the calendar year, with annual appeals coming up, we want to encourage CMC members to be even more generous in support for the Conservation Department and the Club in general. Not every member can afford a dues increase plus larger contributions, but many of us can afford additional support for the Club and conservation. Your contributions are tax deductible and any amount is helpful.

Members are also encouraged to become major donors for Conservation where possible. (Major donors are those who give several hundred dollars per year.) Anyone wanting more information about major donor status can contact Vera Smith, CMC Conservation Director, at 303-996-2746, or Steve Bonowski, Conservation Committee Chair, at 303-914-8255.

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**CMC Endorses Ballot Initiative 1A**

--- by Beverly Gholson, Chair, Conservation and Trails Committee

Your Boulder CMC Council voted to endorse ballot initiative 1A which increases county sales tax by 1/10 of a cent (or a dime on a hundred dollar purchase) to purchase and maintain county open space. Don’t confuse this issue with the City open space tax which was passed last year. Without the tax increase, Boulder County would not be able to purchase additional land for the next 5-6 years. The current sales tax is already committed to making bond payments for already-purchased land.

At least 10% of the money collected — and an increasingly higher percentage each year is likely — is dedicated to taking care of the land we already have. Weed control, forest management, re-vegetation, wildlife management, trails and facilities upkeep, naturalist interpretation and property patrol will all benefit by passage of this proposal.

The CMC Council urges you to vote for this important initiative when you go to the polls this November. And get out and enjoy the County properties. This morning when I was leading a naturalist hike at our brand new Caribou Ranch property, I ran into several Boulder CMC members exploring our “crown jewel” open space land.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Alphabetizer Plus, Peaks 12,100; 12,429; 12,??? Difficult D-E
This is a Gerry Roach Classic which climbs six magnificent 12ers in the Lost Creek Wilderness area southwest of Denver. This area is one of the true gems in Colorado with peak ascents possible year round. The ridge connecting these peaks is above timberline the entire way with great views in abundance. This is a long rewarding day for faster hikers, with headlamps and appropriate wind gear required. Dan Bereck, 303-499-1626

Saturday, Nov. 6
Chasm Lake, 11,760 Difficult Snowshoe
Snowshoe through timber and above treeline to Chasm Lake at the base of Longs Peak. Phillip Congdon, 303-926-1408

Sunday, Nov. 7
West Ridge Sampler Area Climb 5.7-5.10 Routes
Dandy Line (5.7), Mescaline (5.8), Sister Morphine (5.9) Pony Express first pitch (5.9), Pool of Blood (5.9), Handcrack (5.10). We will do some or all of these and more as time and inclination allow. Ron Olsen, 303-449-1935

Saturday, Nov. 13
Disappearing Crack I Climb, 5.6
East Face of the Dome in Boulder Canyon.
James Garnett, 303-564-8173

Sunday, Nov. 14
Jewel Lake Moderate Snowshoe
Snowshoe up drainages to this popular destination in Glacier Gorge, RMNP. Louis F. Genduso, 303-530-3795

Sunday, Nov. 14
South Mesa Trail Loop Difficult A
Leader’s choice of a loop using the trails at the south end of the Mesa Trail. Weather and group preferences will be controlling. Donald Kava, 303-494-2632

Thursday, Nov. 18
BMS Winter Clinics Overview and Signups Lecture
Come find out all about the 2005 BMS Winter Clinics including Avalanche, Ice Climbing School, 2-Day Teleclinic, and Tele/AT three-day Backcountry Clinic. Applications and sign-up for all these clinics will be available. Bring your checkbook if you plan to sign up for any of the BMS Winter Clinics. Cynthia L. Gagnon, 303-938-8564

Saturday, Nov. 20
Mt. Sniktau, 13,234 Moderate B
From the summit of Loveland Pass, walk the ridge of the Continental Divide east and north to Sniktau.
Good views of many of the high peaks in the Loveland Pass area. David Longenecker, 303-440-7023

Saturday, Nov. 20
Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat Moderate A
The SSSS is a half-day hike with a social spirit and a sweaty end. We then try to warm up over coffee or lunch. Meet at the Boulder Clubroom at 9:00am and help decide our destination. Come prepared to hike in any weather. Marilyn Fellows, 303-499-6099

Saturday, Nov. 20
Bard Peak, 13,641 Easy D
This prominent peak is south of Berthoud Pass. From I-70 Bakerville exit, proceed north up the drainage to the summit. Ice-ax, snowshoes, and BMS or equivalent required. Cindy Carey, 303-530-3103

Sunday, Nov. 21
South Boulder Creek Loop Moderate A
Start at South Boulder Creek West Trail; proceed on Mesa Trail to Shadow Canyon and return on Big Blue Stem Trail. Beverly F. Baker 303-447-8390

Friday, Nov. 26
Wind Ridge, Wind Tower II Climb, 5.6
Work off some of these Thanksgiving Day calories on this fun climb. Gene Ellis, 303-499-8017

Friday, Nov. 26
Disappearing Crack I Climb, 5.5
East Face of the Dome in Boulder Canyon. Bruce Immele, 303-903-4517
High-altitude puzzler...

Editor's note: Once again, thanks to crossworder Joel Kaplow for sharing the fun. Answers will be in next month's Compass.
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.

Volunteers Needed for the Mountain Festival

Docents will be needed daily for the Subhankar Banerjee Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge photo exhibit from October 13 through January 9. Shifts will be two and a half hours, weekdays 2-9pm, weekends noon-5pm.

For more information about the Mountain Festival, go to www.cmc.org/festival. Volunteers don’t need to be CMC members, just fans of art, photography and the mountains.

Contact Julie Beckwith at 303-996-2764 or beckwjj@cmc.org if you can help out.

Denver Group’s Dinner November 14

World-class mountaineer Jim Donini will be the featured speaker at the Denver Group’s Annual Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 14.

After an apprenticeship in Yosemite in the early 1970s, Jim Donini began pioneering first ascents in some of the world’s premier alpine arenas. In the last 27 years, he has established new routes in such diverse areas as Alaska, Patagonia, and the Himalayas. Notable climbs like the North Ridge of Latok I in the Karakoram, the first ascent of Torre Egger in Patagonia, and the Diamond Arete on Mt. Hunter in Alaska stand at the forefront of American alpinism. In 1999, he was awarded the prestigious Underhill Award for outstanding mountaineering achievement by the American Alpine Club. Working in product testing and development at Montrail, Jim is well known for his dry humor and his controversial views about climbing style and ethics, and the current state of world alpinism.

This year’s event will be at the Friedhoff Hall in the Green Center at the Colorado School of Mines Campus in Golden.

For registration information, contact the CMC office at 303-279-3080, or go to www.CMC.org and click ‘Events.’ The reservation deadline is Monday, November 8.
Oh, The places you’ll go!

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

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.

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!

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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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