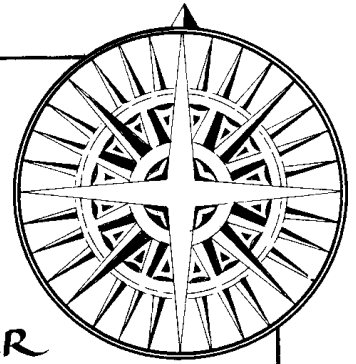




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## Monthly Program Feb. 9

### “Great Sand Dunes National Park: Between Light and Shadow”

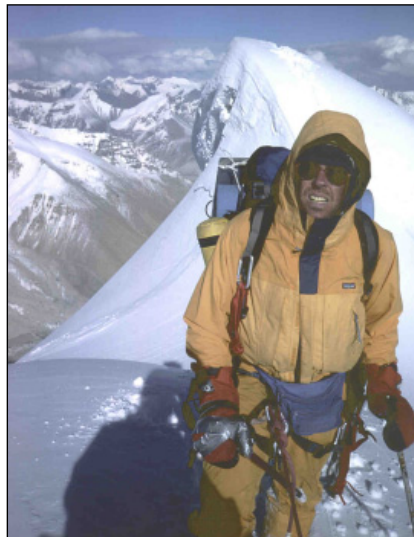
Join us in the Clubroom at 7:30pm as John Weller presents images and essays from his new book in this not-to-be-missed monthly program.

John’s efforts resulted in a book of photographs and creative essays that interweave personal experience, natural history, and philosophy. The stories are both striking and subtle, and originate from a deep passion for detail and an appreciation for the ephemeral, with an embedded message of conservation.

The book, *Great Sand Dunes National Park: Between Light and Shadow*, features 80 of his photographs, and 13 essays about the Dunes. It is the first and only major book about Great Sand Dunes National Park, and its release in October 2004 coincided with the Park’s formal creation. Westcliffe Publishers, run by renown photographer John Fielder, published the book, which has been endorsed by The Nature Conservancy.

John B. Weller was trained in economics and philosophy at Stanford University. He studied photography under William Neill in Yosemite National Park and has been photographing professionally since 1999. His work has been shown in galleries in Minnesota, Maine, North Carolina, New York, California and Colorado. He has had 12 one-man photography shows since 1999, and continues his work in his hometown of Boulder.

There will be a book signing after the presentation.



Dan Mazur

## Himalayan Explorer Dan Mazur to speak Jan. 27

Come to the Clubroom Thursday, January 27 at 7:30pm for an exciting slide-video lecture by Daniel Mazur. Dan gives a thrilling and fascinating narrative of beautiful videos and slides of Himalayan climbing, trekking and cultural exploration in Pakistan, Nepal, Tibet, and China, as well as an opportunity to meet (on film) the likes of Rob Hall, Anatoli Boukreev, Scott Fisher and Ed Viesturs. In addition, there will be a lively discussion, so please bring many questions.

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## Spring 2005 Boulder Mountaineering School

The Spring 2005 Boulder Mountaineering School starts April 5. BMS is offered by the Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. The school covers general mountaineering topics such as: rock climbing, rope management, belaying, rappelling, snow travel, navigation, mountain clothing and footwear, weather, medical emergencies, and avalanche-awareness basics. This is a great opportunity for beginners to learn technical mountaineering skills, or for seasoned climbers to review safety and sharpen techniques. Instructors are all volunteer CMC members who have completed BMS themselves.

Many BMS graduates go on to become instructors and continue as advanced climbers tackling difficult routes, big walls, ice climbing, and alpine expeditions. Some just enjoy climbing around the Front Range with new friends and new safety knowledge!

Attendance at all field trips and lectures is required; missing a field trip may prevent you from continuing the course. The course consists of seven lectures and five field trips. The field trips are on five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays; at the second lecture, each student signs up for a group, made up of three instructors and up to six students. Groups stay together for all field trips.

Lectures will be on Tuesdays — March 29, April 5, 12, 19, May 3, 10, and 17 — from 6:30 to 9:00pm in the Boulder Group Clubroom.

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Daniel is a 44-year old Himalayan explorer, building designer, and climbing and trekking equipment tester, having lived in England, Asia, and North America. There are 14 peaks in the world higher than 8,000 meters and he has reached the summits of 7 of them: Mt. Everest, K2, Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, Shishapangma, and Gasherbrum 1. Climbing Magazine named Daniel the “most successful American to ever launch an expedition.”

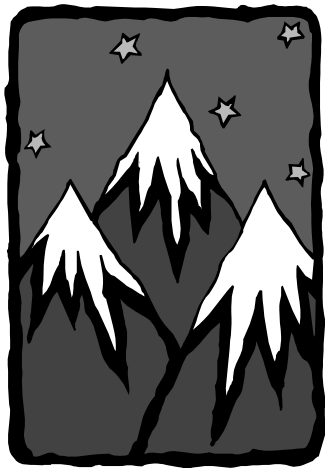
As a surprisingly articulate but humble Himalayan explorer and scholar, Daniel has been active in climbing the highest peaks of the Himalaya for many years. Daniel’s written, photographic, and cinematic works are featured in London Alpine Journal, American Alpine Journal, Ito-Yuki Journal of the Japanese Alpine Club, Himalayan Journal, High magazine, Climbing magazine, Climber magazine, the London Independent newspaper, the London Guardian, On the Edge magazine, Outside magazine, Rock and Ice magazine, Vertical magazine, NBC television, The Discovery Channel, EverestNews web site, Quokka Sports web site, and the Mountainzone web site.

Read more about Dan at [www.summitclimb.com](http://www.summitclimb.com).

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Field trips will be on the weekends of April 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14

To apply you must be a CMC member, be at least 14 years old by April 16, be able to comfortably hike up to 12 miles with 2,500 feet of elevation gain, complete an application, sign a liability waiver, and pay a registration fee of \$100. Students with no specialized climbing gear should plan to spend about \$80 more on equipment (not including clothing and footwear). Helmets and ice axes are available to borrow during the class.



Applications may be obtained from the Boulder Group Clubroom, and may be submitted in person 5:30-8:00pm on Thursday, March 3, or during any normal Clubroom office hours thereafter. Applications may also be mailed to the Boulder Group Clubroom, 633 S. Broadway Unit N, Boulder, CO 80305. If you aren’t a current CMC member, please request an application and submit a separate check for the CMC membership fee. You will be charged a \$20 fee if you withdraw from the school after March 24. If you withdraw from the course after the start of the school, you forfeit the entire \$100 registration fee.

For more information, please contact the Clubroom at 303-554-7688, or Dawn DuPriest, BMS Director, at [bms@cmcboulder.org](mailto:bms@cmcboulder.org).

## Summer Trip Deadline Feb. 25

Trip leaders, once again it’s time to submit trips for the Summer Trail and Timberline Activity Schedule. This schedule will include trips from May 1 through October 31, 2005. Trips must be submitted to the Trip Schedulers no later than Friday, February 25, and if you can get them in earlier it is always helpful.

Trip Schedulers are:

AB trips: Ruth Eastman, [ruthanneastman@msn.com](mailto:ruthanneastman@msn.com), 303 652-3097

CD trips: Ann Keane, [a\\_keane@indra.com](mailto:a_keane@indra.com), 303 258-9390

Rock climbs: Chris Glascock, [the14erclimber@earthlink.net](mailto:the14erclimber@earthlink.net), 303 664-1464

If you have other questions about leading or scheduling trips, contact Tom Wilson, [tomw@csd.net](mailto:tomw@csd.net), 303 247-1450.

## Conservation funds deadline March 1

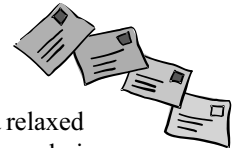


The Boulder Group has funds available this year for trails and conservation projects, and the deadline for applying is March 1. If you have a conservation

project you’d like to have funded please contact Beverly Gholson at [bvgholson@aol.com](mailto:bvgholson@aol.com) or 303-443-9139. You may also look on the web at <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/recreation/bcmc/farleyfund.html> for application details.

## Mailing party Feb. 17

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, February 17, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

## Trip cancellations

Irina Overeem’s Feb. 5 Hidden Falls ice climb and Amanda Baker’s Feb. 19 Mt. Lady Washington trip have been cancelled.

## Compass

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For membership info, call the Clubroom.

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

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

# Your club needs you!

For 90 years the Colorado Mountain Club has been a volunteer-driven organization, and as a CMC member you are an important part of the formula for our success. Won't you please consider volunteering to serve on a committee or perhaps even co-lead a hike or two this year?

There are always opportunities to get involved in the Club so step forward and don't be shy. Shown below are immediate openings we need to fill. Check it out. This is a good chance pitch in and work with friendly people. For more information call Sheila Delamere, Volunteer Coordinator, at 303-554-7688 during Clubroom office hours, Monday through Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

- **Outings Committee**
- **Publicity Committee**
- **Safety Committee**
- **State Council**
- **Compass Newsletter Editor.** The Boulder Group's beloved newsletter is in need of a new editor. Qualifications include the ability to meet deadlines, knowledge of desktop publishing software and some familiarity with the Club. Plenty of OJT is available so if you even vaguely think you might be interested, then please contact Doug Turley for more information at [douglas.turley@eds.com](mailto:douglas.turley@eds.com).

## End of the Trail for John Michaud

John Michaud was the type of CMC member we all wish we could be: fit and active, filled with life, and embodying a great spirit of adventure.

John died of a heart attack this past December in Alaska while cross-country skiing near Anchorage. He was 57 years old.

John Michaud was an enthusiastic CMC member who not only climbed in the Himalayas but was also well known in the Colorado cross-country skiing community. He hosted the Brainard Cabin for two full winters back in the early 1970s and he was active with the Boulder Mountaineering School in the 1970s and 80s.

Thank you, John, for your great spirit and for your contributions to the Colorado Mountain Club. We are proud to salute you at the end of your trail.



*John Michaud of Anchorage warms up his toes at the Rabbit Lake checkpoint during the Iditasport.*

*(Photo by Jim Jager / Anchorage Daily News archive 1995)*

## Backcountry Ski School Success

We had another successful ski school for beginner and intermediate skiers in the East Portal area. Thanks go to the following ski instructors who helped us: Peter Gowen, Frandee and Dale Johnson, Bob Kamper, Annyce Mayer, Bob Olson, Steve Priem, Chuck Hardesty and Dave Robertson.

The lecture was held at Neptune Mountaineering, and Gary Neptune ran the projectors. Both he and EMS gave us 1/2 price on ski rentals. Do not forget to support those who support us.

— Pat Butler and Peter Birkeland, co-leaders



## February 2005 Boulder Group Trips

### Tuesday, February 01

**AMS Lecture** *Lecture #5*  
Advanced Mountaineering School lecture and slide show. 7pm. Wes K Berg 970 207-0724

### Saturday, February 05

**Arapahoe Lakes, Telemark** *Adv. I Ski Tour*  
Steady climb. 1000' tree and powder run to a fast trail. Skins and good tele/downhill skills required. Avalanche gear encouraged. Call between 9am and 9pm. Steven Haymes 303 444-4765

**Butler Gulch** *Adv. I Ski Tour*  
Ski up trail and spend the day yo-yo-ing in the trees. AT/telemark gear & skins required. Min. 3 mile RT. Ron Pasquini 303 641-8514

### Saturday, Feb 05 to Sunday, Feb 06

**Brainard Cabin** *Easy Snowshoe*  
Friday night ski under the stars (headlamp) or an early Saturday snowshoe to the cabin. Nominal usage fee and a portion of the group food. Call between 9am and 9pm. Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

### Saturday, Feb 05 & Sunday, Feb 06

**Ice Climbing Techniques, Fixed Lines** *AMS Field Trip #3*  
Vertical ice climbing and leading with a top rope. Ascend and rappel high-angle fixed lines across multiple anchor points. Crampons required. (Attend one of the two one-day sessions.) For registered AMS students. Wes Berg 970 207-0724

### Sunday, February 06

**Coney Flats** *Easy III Ski Tour*  
From Beaver Reservoir glide into the valley below Sawtooth Mtn. Patricia Butler 303 440-0586

### Tuesday, February 08

**Peak Planning Session, AMS** *Special*  
Plan a one- or two-night peak ascent. For registered AMS students. Wes Berg 970 207-0724

### Wednesday, February 09

**Ice Climbing, Leaders Choice** *Ice Climb*  
Previous ice experience, helmet and crampons required. Tom Walker 303 666-7199

### Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic, Lecture #1 *Survival Skills Lecture (Ski)*

Deadline for signup was Jan 15. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

### Friday, February 11

**Bear Lake to Hollowell Park** *Easy Snowshoe*  
Shuttle cars. Start at Bear Lake parking lot. Short steep climb to Bierstadt Lake, Mill Creek Basin, Hollowell Park. Ruth Eastman 303 652-3097

### Friday, Feb 11 to Monday, Feb 14

**"Little Roman Slave Girl" Hut Trip** *Adv. III Ski Tour*  
The annual "Little Roman Slave Girl" hut trip. Advanced intermediate/expert skills, good fitness & multi-day backcountry skiing experience required. Limit 8. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

### Saturday, February 12

**Arapahoe Lakes, Telemark** *Adv. I Ski Tour*  
Ski up the Forest Lakes Trail then to Arapahoe Lakes for tree skiing. AT/Tele gear & skins required, strong intermediate skiing skills necessary. Ron Pasquini 303 641-8514

**Bierstadt Lake** *Easy Ski Tour*  
Views of Longs Peak, Glacier Gorge and peaks behind Bear Lake. Peter Gowen 303 494-5420  
**\* Bierstadt trip changed from 1/29 \***

**Meadow Mtn Bowl** *Adv. I Ski Tour*  
Reclimb the bowl for bunches of turns if the snow is good and the legs are willing. Beacon, shovel, skins required. Ken Baugh 303 666-6941

**Peaceful Valley or Hessie** *Ski Tour*  
Location depends on snow conditions. For beginners who attended the clinic or have equivalent experience. Tips on technique improvement. We'll aim for 6 miles and 600 feet elevation gain. Peter Birkeland 303 442-0304

**Gray Wolf Mtn. 13,602'** *Diff. Snowshoe*  
Start at 11,600' on Guanella Pass and go to Gray Wolf. Ice ax, snowshoes, & BMS or equivalent required. Cindy Carey 303 530-3103

**Shanahan Crag, South Face** *I Climb, 5.5*  
Enjoy climbing this seldom visited crag in the Flatirons. James Garnett 303 564-8173

### Saturday, Feb 12 to Sunday, Feb 13

**Student Peak Climb** *AMS Field Trip #4*  
A one- or two-night peak ascent. For registered AMS students. Wes Berg 970 207-0724

### Sunday, February 13

**Blue Lake (Indian Pks)** *Mod. II Ski Tour*  
Ski the N. Trail, then on to Mitchell and Blue Lakes via usually tracked trails, w/ a stop at Brainard Cabin. David Longenecker 303 440-7023

**West Face, Whales Tail** *I Climb, 5.2*  
5.2 crack system, amid views of the Bastille, Redgarden Wall, and Wind Tower. Bruce Immele 303 903-4517

**CMC South Trail** *Ski Tour*  
Head up the CMC South trail to the cozy Brainard Cabin. Bring \$1 for day use. Louis F Genduso 303 530-3795

### Wednesday, February 16

**Ice Climbing, Leaders Choice** *Ice Climb*  
Previous ice experience, helmet and crampons required. Tom Walker 303 666-7199

### Friday, February 18

**S. Trail to Brainard Cabin** *Easy II Ski Tour*  
Ski the easy South Trail to the cabin. Bring lunch and 50 cents if you're a member, \$1 if not, for cabin fee. Tom Walker 303 666-7199

**Group Discussion, AMS** *Special*  
AMS students discuss peak ascents done the previous weekend. Wes Berg 970 207-0724

### Saturday, February 19

**Yankee Doodle Lake** *Mod. II Ski Tour*  
Start at Eldora Ski Area, up Jenny Creek to the lake. Gradual ascent up drainage with some steep sections. Bob Lewis 303 232-9587

**Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat** *Mod.A*  
A half-day hike, then warm up over coffee or lunch. Meet at 9am at the Clubroom and help decide destination. Come prepared to hike in any weather. Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

**Ice Climbing, Leaders Choice** *Ice Climb*  
Previous ice experience, helmet and crampons required. John W Keller 303 530-9291

**Big Blue Stem Trail Loop** *Easy A*  
Hike through meadows & Ponderosa forests to the base of the Flatirons. Brenda Leach 303 525-3660

**Rogers Pass Lake** *Adv. I Ski Tour*  
S. Boulder Creek Trail through the trees to this lake at the base of Rogers Pass. Skins recommended. Peter Gowen 303 494-5420

### Sunday, February 20

**Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic, Field Trip #1**  
*Survival Skills Field Trip (Ski)*  
For registered Clinic participants. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

### Wednesday, February 23

**Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic, Lecture #2**  
*Survival Skiing & Navigation Lecture (Ski)*  
For registered Clinic participants. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

### Thursday, February 24

**Ice Climb, Spiral Staircase, Vail** *Ice Climb*  
Toproping trip. Irina Overeem 720 304-8134

### Saturday, Feb 26 to Sunday, Feb 27

**Arestua Hut** *Mod. Ski Tour*  
Ski from Lake Eldora Nordic Center to the cabin and explore for powder. AT/Tele gear, skins, beacon, overnight gear and intermediate ability to ski w/ pack required. Ron Pasquini 303 641-8514

### Saturday, February 26

**Forest Lakes/Rollins Pass Rd** *Mod. III Ski Tour*  
Climb from East Portal to Forest Lakes to the Rollins Pass Rd. Steve Priem 303 499-9024

**Coney Flats** *Easy III Ski Tour*  
From Beaver Reservoir into the valley below dramatic Sawtooth Mtn. Bob Lewis 303 232-9587

**Ice Climb, Vail, Leaders Choice** *Ice Climb*  
Toprope in Vail. Ice experience, helmet and crampons required. Steve Maddy 303 447-2119

### Sunday, February 27

**Fall River Road, RMNP** *Easy II Ski Tour*  
Gentle road, easy grade. We'll ski the road if conditions permit. Alternate location: CMC South Trail to Brainard Lake. David Robertson 303 442-7793

**Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic, Field Trip #2**  
*Survival Skiing* *Field Trip (Ski)*  
For registered Clinic participants. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

## The CMC and Conservation

The Colorado Mountain Club has been a champion of conservation for more than 90 years. At its very inception the club, largely encouraged by a member named Enos Mills, engineered the establishment of what is the crown jewel of the U.S. National Park system and perhaps the most superb outdoor recreation area in the entire United States, a nice little local place called **Rocky Mountain National Park**:

In 1909, Mills first proposed that an area in north central Colorado (including the Estes Park region and much, much more) become the nation's tenth national park to preserve the wildlands from inappropriate use. It was his vision that, "In years to come when I am asleep beneath the pines, thousands of families will find rest and hope in this park." Most civic leaders then supported the idea, as did the Denver Chamber of Commerce; however, mining, logging, and agricultural interests actively opposed it. James G. Rogers, first president of the Colorado Mountain Club, wrote the final draft plan for the park and on January 26, 1915, under President Woodrow Wilson, it was declared *Rocky Mountain National Park*.

Not a bad start, eh?

Leaping forward to the 1950s, a number of concerned CMCers joined with many other conservationists around the state to keep the Feds from damming up the Yampa & Green Rivers in northwestern Colorado. By doing this they preserved what is now *Dinosaur National Monument*, including the magnificent Steamboat Rock where nationally renowned climber (and founder of the Black Diamond company) Yvon Chouinard is purported to have made the first climbing attempt.

In the 1960s the CMC played a role in promoting -and passing- the federal *Wilderness Act* of 1964. Thanks to the *Wilderness Act*, some 37 special areas are protected in Colorado today.

Also in the 1960s, the Boulder Group Council of the CMC was instrumental in establishing the famous "*Blue Line*" along the western boundary of Boulder. This imaginary line limited water utility availability and kept all the land nearest to (and including) the Flatirons from being turned into housing developments. Through this act more than 40 years ago, the territory all along the Flatirons was both preserved for

wildlife and made accessible for climbing and hiking today. (Notably, this is an area of current controversy where framers of the OSMP Visitor Management Plan are attempting to balance public usage with environmental preservation.)

Of course you may recall that during the 1970s the CMC pushed for — and achieved — establishment of the *Indian Peaks Wilderness Area*, where so many Brainard Cabin visitors love to hike & ski today.

Later on in the 1980s a CMC member named Dick Lamm (coincidentally governor of Colorado at the time) signed into law the establishment of a tiny little place currently known throughout the climbing world as *Eldorado Canyon State Park*.

Even more recently, in the 1990s we fought for and finally succeeded in winning a brand-new Colorado wilderness called the *James Peak Wilderness Area*.

Without more than nine decades of effort by the Colorado Mountain Club, our state might look a lot different than it does today:

Places where hikers, climbers and mountaineers now love to go might instead be crowded with housing developments, asphalt parking lots and fast food joints —or simply obliterated by timber companies and mining operations. Today's fields of wildflowers might otherwise be fields of motorcycle and ATV tracks. The secret little valleys where we like to hike and climb might be rutted with logging roads or blocked by mine tailings and slash. And the wildlife we enjoy seeing so much on our outings might have all perished or fled elsewhere.

The CMC donates thousands of dollars every year toward erosion repair, stream bank maintenance and wildlands restoration. We do trail maintenance and we build ecologically effective bridges through sensitive wet areas for the protection of plant and animal life. We work consciously and carefully to preserve Colorado's wild habitat because we realize what a treasure we have here in our state. Every year we give thousands of volunteer hours back to the land we use in the hopes of keeping it healthy for ourselves and for future generations.

This is part of what your CMC membership supports. You can be proud of it!

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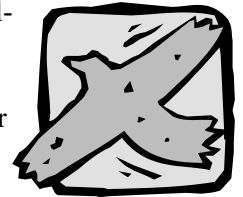


## Where Are We?!?

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.

## Raptor Closures Feb. 1

Each year about ten areas of the Boulder front range are closed to climbers from February 1 through July 31 to protect nesting raptors. The details for the closures on Open Space and Mountain Parks can be found at [www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/visitor/closure/closure.htm](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/visitor/closure/closure.htm).



## Boulder Bunch Restaurant Night

Join the Boulder Bunch for dinner at Laudisio's at 7pm on Friday, Feb. 4.

Meet at the restaurant at 2785 Iris Avenue in Boulder (303-442-1300) for great authentic Italian food, award-winning wines, and fun with fellow CMCers.

RSVP isn't necessary, but you can let Dan Miller know you're going to be there, if you'd like: [dmiller328@hotmail.com](mailto:dmiller328@hotmail.com) or 720-838-7052.