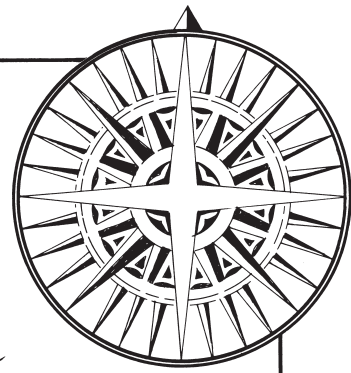




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Essay from the Editor

What Kind of Club Should the BCMC Be?

Hi there! Greetings from the Compass editor. This essay is somewhat unusual, but this month was a bit slow in terms of articles submitted (I guess everyone's out doing something), so I thought I'd take the liberty of having a "chat" with the readership — kind of like those presidential radio chats, you know, just without the radio.

I've felt the need for a more direct contact with you, the members, because there are so many changes I have seen happening in the club that seem deserving to report. After all, this is a volunteer club that exists for its members, and so you deserve to be kept informed. I hope you will find this informative and that it will stimulate you to participate in the various club activities, trips, schools and committees.

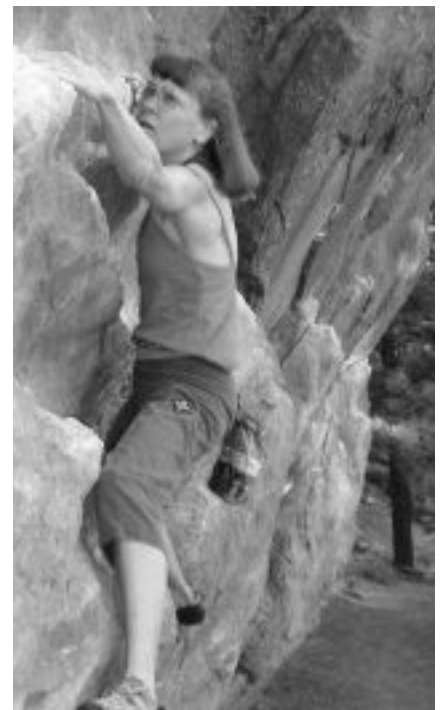
Some of the recent fundamental trends within the club with which the Council has been grappling are: a declining membership (and its direct impact on revenues); a large, apparently unavoidable cost overhead in the state budget (whose origins are still a mystery to me, but involve the state level salaries and the cost of purchasing the AMC building back in the 90's); an increasingly competitive market in outdoor sports organizations; and a non-profit leadership and membership base that was not all that comfortable with marketing itself. Put all these together and you have one tough survival challenge!

Another dynamic that has made it hard to work on these issues has been the separate management of the club between the Council and the various BMS Committees. For reasons almost lost in history (but which Don Kava recounted for the council at its June meeting), the BMS became a self-functioning entity back in the early Seventies — and has stayed effectively separate since then, though strictly speaking it is a subset organization of the Council in the by-laws. This has led to a certain duplication of efforts and lack of communication between the two over the years since.

But all is not lost. The disadvantage of this needless schism has been recognized, and we (ie, Council and BMS) are working actively to reunite these two parts of the club. This is happening in several ways: first, the two sides are going to start sending representatives to each other's meetings more; there will be closer financial reporting to each other in a unified financial budget; there will, in

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This Month's Profile: Brenda Leach



Brenda getting serious on the Monkey Traverse bouldering problem near the top of Flagstaff Mountain

Editor's Note: This month's profile is on Brenda Leach, who provides a great service by sending out the weekly email newsletter, the GPS. (See the Compass box on page 2 on how to subscribe.) She is also a Group III Rock Leader in the club, and both a BRS and RLS assistant instructor and so is another one of our dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to making the club a great place to learn, teach each other and just have fun.

Questions:

I'm very curious about how the GPS

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came into being, but first we should tell our readers more about you: when did you join the CMC and what influenced you to join?

I moved to Boulder in 1980 from, shall we say, a very flat state. A couple of friends told me about the CMC and BMS so I took that in 1981. I had rappelled once, but this was my first climbing experience and I was hooked!

How did you get interested in rock climbing, and how has being part of the CMC influenced that for you?

I have to give the CMC credit for introducing me to a sport that has been a passion of mine for the past 25 years. I was lucky to have CMC members such as Ron Olsen who mentored and coached me to improve my trad leading skills. I met other climbers by signing up for CMC trips. Most of my climbing partners are CMC members.

Now, when and how did the GPS get started? Was it just your idea, or did other people play a part?

Don Walker first started the GPS. Steve Gendron then took it over for several years until I volunteered. I've pretty much kept the same format started by them and just try to be consistent with emailing the GPS every week.

What kind of feedback have you had about the GPS? Can you tell our readers your policy about who you send it to, and what kind of limits you have on its content?

I've had mostly positive feedback about the GPS. I hope people find it useful. Anyone who wants to be on the email list will be added, including non-CMCers. There's 600+ email addresses in the list. I'm open to adding anything to the GPS as long as it's outdoors related.

As a teacher in BRS, you must be aware of the changes in the past year, and the efforts of the club to improve its membership. Could you comment on why you think our membership has been in de-

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Volunteers Needed

Monday Evening Clubroom Hosts Needed

We need help in operating the clubroom on Monday evenings in an effort to reduce the administrative costs of the Boulder Group. Over the past few years the volunteer hosts have done an excellent job in keeping the clubroom open on Wednesday evenings. We need six more volunteers to host the clubroom on Monday evenings from 5 PM. to 7 PM. working on a six week rotation schedule. (about 8 Mondays a year.)

You would only have to greet people, answer the phone and occasionally prepare mailings. An orientation will get you started. Other than that there is very little you can't learn on the job. Please say "Yes" and become more involved with other club members!

Call Sheila at any time on (303) 447-2780 or (303) 554-7688 during office hours (Mon, Tues, Thurs between 5 PM and 7 PM).

Publicity Chair Open

The Boulder CMC is seeking someone to chair the Publicity Committee. The position will help direct and improve the publicity and marketing efforts of the club and its schools. It's a great opportunity to get experience in public relations, working with the new website, marketing and the outdoor sports industry. There will also be opportunities to work at the state level of the CMC and develop contacts there. Please contact Jim Groh at publicity @ cmcboulder.org, or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688. □

Brainard Cabin: Upcoming Events and Summer Happenings

Have you considered the CMC Cabin for a summer family outing? The cabin is a marvelous place to take the family for a weekend. Teach your kids to chop wood by day and sleep in total darkness at night! Follow the links from cmcboulder.org (Group → Cabin) to the Cabins Calendar to see what nights are available.

Summer Work Party, July 29.

We will re-oil the logs outside and chink inside, plus other warm weather repairs as needed. Call Otto, 303-443-9883, if you want to help, or just show up at any time during the day. Car-pooling will save gas and entry fees.

Annual Work Party, Sept 30 and Oct 1. Wood hauling, cabin cleaning, stove-pipe brushing, miscellaneous improvements, and random socializing.

Host Signup is Happening Now!

Weekend hosts for daytime visitors are signing up now. This is the time to reserve for next winter. E-mail to "brainardcabin AT yahoo.com" (address disguised to minimize spam.) To see what kind of fun *you* can have, check out the picture on ...



page five!

Mailing party July 22

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the August 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, July 22, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information. □

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

September issue deadline: August 13

Heard On The Trail...

Annual Dinner Date Set

It's never too early to begin thinking about the Boulder Group CMC Annual Dinner. Reserve Saturday evening November 5th to attend this important event. This is the club's major social gathering for all members and their guests. The dinner will be held in the Avalon Ballroom at 6185 Arapaho Avenue Boulder. More information about the dinner and how to make reservations will be included in future issues of the *Compass*. Join in the festivities!

New Habitat Permits for Colorado Wilderness and Rescue Insurance

Remember the days when we would all go out and buy fishing licenses to get search and rescue coverage provided by the license? Well, those days are over! Colorado, for the first time, now offers a habitat stamp that provides hikers, climbers, and other backcountry recreationists search and rescue coverage. Even better, almost all of the habitat stamp fee goes towards protecting wildlife habitat in Colorado. On top of that, a habitat stamp is your entrance pass into any Colorado State Wildlife Area (it's mandatory if you are in one). And, if that's not enough to convince you to buy a stamp right now, here's another reason. The sportsmen community has been paying through license fees and gear taxes for habitat conservation for decades, yet the hiking community benefits enormously from these contributions. By buying a stamp, we can join sportsmen in their efforts to protect wildlife habitat, and show how important wildlife habitat is to us and our enjoyment of the backcountry.

The habitat stamp costs \$10 annually (\$200 lifetime) unless you are also purchasing a hunting or fishing license, in which case it costs \$5 annually. You can buy it in person at any store that sells hunting licenses, including REI. You can buy it online by visiting <http://wildlife.state.co.us/ShopDOW/AppsAndLicenses/HabitatStamp>. Or, you can buy it on the phone by calling (800)-244-5613.

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Action Photo of the Month:

Daniel Krahe is belayed by Frank Dreckman as he pseudo-leads his first pitch during Rock Leading School. The class was held at the Third Pinnacle of the Gregory Canyon Amphitheater, June 10, 2006. Bob Mayer was senior instructor, Scott Edlin and Rick Casey were assistant instructors.

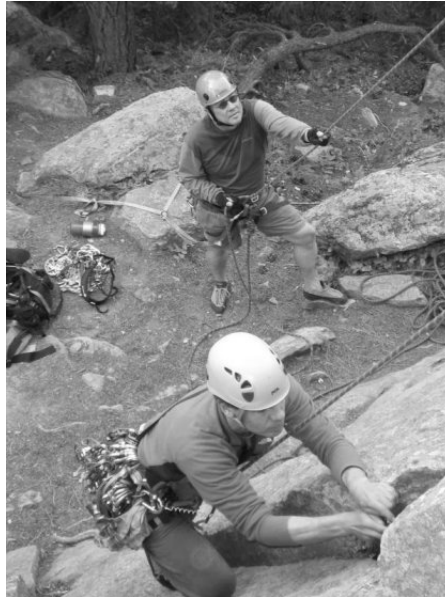


photo by Rick Casey

TO SUBMIT YOUR ACTION PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Go to cmcboulder.org and click on Groups/Share Your Photo and send email about it to the Editor (*compass AT cmcboulder.org*)

For more information, contact the Colorado Mountain Club at 303.996.2746 or [conservation @ cmc.org](mailto:conservation@cmc.org).

*contributed by Vera Smith
State CMC Conservation Director*

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cline, and what improvements you might suggest to change that, and improve our members' experience of the BCMC?

The membership's probably been declining because there's more options out there for people to learn how to climb. Climbing's become more of a mainstream sport. But, I think there's too many people who are learning how to climb indoors and then go outdoors without being fully prepared and get into trouble. Or, they learn from their friends and maybe their friends weren't taught properly. The CMC can provide a valuable service to new, aspiring climbers to learn how to be safe climbers. We need to keep getting the word out. On the other hand, we need to encourage safe, experienced climbers to join the club and provide leadership to those who are learning. There's plenty of talented climbers in the Boulder area.

Finally, it is always interesting to hear in these profiles what you enjoy most about the club, and what has made it a rewarding experience for you.

I mostly enjoy meeting other people in the club who have a similar passion for the outdoors and, in particular, rock climbing. The CMC gives me and others the opportunity to give back to the climbing and outdoors community. □

The Team That Restacked The Woodpile on October 29, 2005



August 2006 Trips

Saturday, July 29

Middle St Vrain Weed Hike Moderate C

Do your part for conservation! Join the 9th annual trip to control noxious weeds in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. In partnership with the US Forest Service, we'll hike swiftly up the Middle St. Vrain, pulling Canada thistle on our way down. It's a long, but rewarding day. Register with leader. Patricia Butler (303)440-0586. Allens Park/Isolation Pk. 12/1,700'. 60 mi. Patricia Butler, (303)440-0586. (Trip#33425)

Tuesday, August 1

Nebel Horn Difficult A

From the top of Fern Canyon, take a short hike and a scramble to gain this formidable-looking summit block. Enjoy spectacular views to both the east and west from this unexpected, comfortable perch. This is an "after-work" trip. Weather permitting, we'll relax and dine on the summit. Headlamp and cookies required. Eldorado Springs. 4/1,600'. Tom Wilson, (303)247-1450. (Trip#33340)

Wednesday, August 2

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. Friday, August 4

Lawn Lake 10,987' Difficult B

Follow good trail parallel to Roaring River to famous lake in Mummy Range, site of a dam break in 1982. Check with leaders for meeting time/place. Trail Ridge/Estes Park. 12/2,250'. Ruth Eastman, (303)652-3097. Laurette S Terrell, (970)669-8828. (Trip#33327)

Wednesday, August 9

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Marilyn Fellows, (303)499-6099.

Wednesday, August 16

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Rada Perovic, (303)985-3263. (Trip#33360)
Saturday, August 19

Mt Audubon 13,223' Moderate C
Ascend Audubon Trail to saddle, boulder hop and tundra walk to this Indian Peak summit. An easy Thirteener. Ward/Monarch Lake. 8/2,743'. Donald Kava, (303)494-2632. (Trip#33430)

Melvins Wheel III Climb

Bookmark 5.8
Lumpy Ridge
Climb on sunny granite in this alpine vista. Climb a corner, up a long crack, and over an interesting roof. Venture up a classic crack that splits the face and work your way through a chimney to the summit. Brenda Leach, (303)525-3660. (Trip#33379)

Sunday, August 20

Pawnee Pass 12,541' Moderate B

Starting from Long Lake Trailhead, hike up the open ridge to the pass. Great views of the Indian Peaks. Call leader for meeting time/place. 8/2,061'. 60 mi. Louie Genduso, (303)518-8948. (Trip#33337)

First Flatironette I Climb

Flatirons 5.2
Climb 350 feet of good rock to the summit in pitches. Walk off. Great begin-

ner multi-pitch flatiron climb. phone 720-887-5964 or email. BMS or BRS required. Christopher B Glascock, (720)887-5964. (Trip#33417)

Tuesday, August 22

Fall Schools Orientation Lecture and Sign-ups

Come find out all about the 2006 Boulder Mountaineering Schools. Fall clinics include Hiking I, Hiking II, and Basic Rock School. Applications for all schools will be available. Meet at Boulder Group Clubroom . 0 mi. Dawn M DuPriest, (970)223-2621. (Trip#33451)

Wednesday, August 23

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Connie Schwab, (303)516-9797.
Castle Rock I Climb
West Face 5.5
Boulder Canyon

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. Before work climb. Start climbing at 6 am and be to work by 10:00. Limit two. Bruce Immele, (303)903-4517. (Trip#33388)

Friday, August 25

Sky Pond 10,880' Moderate B

Three alpine lakes and two waterfalls made this trail a photographers delight. Start at Glacier Gorge Junction, skirt Alberta Falls, pass Timberline Falls and Glass Lake and finally reach Sky Pond with Taylor Glacier in the background. Check with leaders for meeting time/place. McHenry's Pk. 9/1,700'. 100 mi. Ruth Eastman, (303)652-3097.

Laurette S Terrell, (970)669-8828. (Trip#33328)

August 2006 Trips

Saturday, August 26

Osiris II Climb

Lumpy Ridge 5.7

Popular 5 p climb in a beautiful setting. Some love this climb; some hate it. Grunt through off-widths and jam some perfect hand cracks with a spectacular view. Must be solid at 5.7 multi-pitch. Larry A. Pedigo, (720)938-5178. (Trip#33395)

Sunday, August 27

Chasm Lake 11,760' Difficult B
Follow forested Longs Pk Trail to tundra near Mills Moraine. Take trail along S. slope of Mt Lady Washington to this splendid classic cirque lake. A short scramble over easy rocks brings the hiker to one of the most spectacular settings in RMNP, with the crags of Mt Meeker and the Diamond of Longs Pk towering above. Longs Pk. 9/2,300'. 90 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305. (Trip#33349)

Fifth Flatiron I Climb

East Face (Standard) 5.4

Flatirons

Start this enjoyable climb on the north side of the east face of a long chimney, then go up to the right over two thin bulges. Work diagonally upward to the left, then diagonally right to a belay stance near the ridge crest. 6 pitches. Rappel 75' off the west side. Gary D. Price, (303)666-9169. (Trip#33407)

Wednesday, August 30

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Jim Groh, (303)604-0024. (Trip#33371)



BMS Fall Schools Ready To Go

The BMS Committee has decided on the fall course schedule. Classes will be available for Hiking I: Basic Wilderness Survival, Hiking II: Navigation and Routefinding and Basic Rock School. The orientation meeting for the fall schools is Tuesday, August 22 at the Clubroom at 6:30pm. All the fall classes will occur in September and October. To ask questions by email, use the following addresses:

BRS: brs@cmcboulder.org

Hiking School: bhs@cmcboulder.org

Basic Snow: snow@cmcboulder.org

Full details are available on line on the website (cmcboulder.org) under the Fall and Winter Schedules.



Name The Artist

When I became the editor of the Compass, I inherited a wonderful box of graphics that I occasionally use for illustrations (such as the smaller images above and left.) Some of them are hand-drawn sketches. I believe that the drawing to the right was done by a CMC member, but I am not sure who. Does anyone know the artist who did this drawing? If so, please let me know!

Rick Casey, Editor

Attention Trip Leaders: Winter Trip Signup Ready

Trip leaders, once again it's time to submit trips for the Winter Activity Schedule. This schedule will include trips from 11/1/2006 through 4/30/2007. Trips must be submitted to the Trip Schedulers no later than Wednesday, September 6, and if you can get them in earlier, it's always helpful. Trip Schedulers are:

AB Trips: Ruth Eastman, ruthaneastman@msn.com, 303-652-3097.

CD Trips: Ann Keane, a_keane@indra.com, 303-258-9390.

Rock Climbs: Chris Glascock, the14erclimber@comcast.net, 720-887-5964.

Ice Climbs: Andrew Halperin, ahalper@cisco.com, 720-562-6740.

Ski Trips: Patricia Butler, butler@csd.net, 303-440-0586.

If you have other questions about leading or scheduling trips, please email outings@cmcboulder.org or call 303-554-5546.



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fact, actually be a unified annual budget; and, last but not least, there will simply be more two-way, informal communication between the members of the BMS committees and the Council. For example, Tom Wilson serves jointly on the Council and on the main BMS committee.

As has been related in these pages before, the BMS has undergone a dramatic change in its instructional format by splitting up the schools' content into smaller sessions to improve their market appeal; but what about the overall marketing effort? The grapevine talk is that the state office will be taking up this challenge for the club overall in the near future; but how exactly that will work out for our chapter remains to be seen. In an effort to base our marketing efforts on real information, the council has authorized a marketing study that a council member has volunteered to undertake for use by the Boulder group. You should get this questionnaire soon, so please respond promptly!

Finally, I sometimes wonder what effect

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\$245	full page
\$150	half page
\$90	quarter page
\$55	eighth page
\$45	business card (2"x3")

- all ads are black and white
- ads must be prepaid and ready for printing; pdf format preferred.
- contact Editor before deadline.

all the changes are having out there on you, our readers. We on the council do not want to leave our members who are not as technically inclined underserved because of the new emphasis on the website, yet we also know we need to reach out and attract newer, younger members, both from the singles crowd and from families, in order to keep building our membership. I also want to balance the mix of articles in the Compass, so that all activities, from conservation to hiking to climbing, are represented. I personally hope the new website will be increasingly utilized as an effective communication tool that will make out internal communications and external marketing of the club more effective.

But none of this will have any meaning for me until I see that is really reaching you, our members. So please, let us hear

from you how we are doing, and any suggestions you may have. The website, of course, is a great place to do this if you want to direct your question to the specific activity or school that you have a question about; but feel free to also email me directly at compass AT cmcboulder.org (address modified to discourage spam). You may even send letters via postal mail to the clubroom. And I want to start seeing great action photos-of-the-month submitted on the website!

Hope you're having a great summer in whatever activity takes you into the mountains,

Rick Casey
Compass Editor