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Annapurna IV Team Alive & Well

As of May 16, when this issue was going
to press, the news from the Annapurna
team, composed mostly of BCMC members, had reached a high point but
could not make a summit attempt due to
poor weather. The last report was that
the team had reached Camp 3 on May 15
at around 21,000 feet, when they were
warned that unexpected bad weather was
rapidly approaching. Taking advantage of a few remaining hours of clear
weather, the team descended to base
camp, where the prediction proved true.
Smart mountaineering. A full report will
appear in the July Compass.

— information contributed by Val Hovland

Greetings from the Conservation Committee

Large Yellow Toadflax, a noxious weed
(for the color image, see online version of the Compass on the website)

Many open space and forest lands summer users who hike, climb and bike
admire the wildflowers and the incredible wild flora and fauna. One threat to
this amazing balance in nature that is sometimes less considered by recreationists is the spread of noxious weeds. In
Boulder County and into the mountains west of Boulder there is an increase in oxeye daisy, bouncing bet, cheatgrass,
and other intruders which are crowding out native plants. Please consider setting aside one day this summer to partici-
pate in a weed pull or related efforts to eradicate noxious weeds this summer.
You will still be outside, in some of your favorite settings, and enjoying the company of others!

— contributed by Sandy Hollingsworth

[Editor’s Note: for more information on noxious weeds, see http://www.co.boulder.co.us/openspace/resources/weeds/weeds_noxious.htm]

Note from the Editor

Of what I’ve observed of CMC doings this past month, there are three key issues that seem prominent and need reporting. First, the status of the e-Compass initiative; second, how the online trip management issue between our group and the state website is progressing (see Seth Allen’s related article this issue); and, finally, some comments on a recent visit to a BCMC Council meeting from our state representatives for conservation, Steve Bonowski and Bryan Martin.

The e-Compass will start its first issue in July. As of today, 47 members have signed up (due largely to its announce-
ment in the GPS). By my estimate, if 200 people sign up, we should be able to save about $1,300 per year in print-
ing and mailing costs — a significant amount for the BCMC. So, please, if you have not signed up for email delivery
of the Compass, and are willing to do so, either go the website under Publications→Compass →E-Compass, or click on the link in the GPS announcement.
You can unsubscribe at any time on the same webpage (that is, reverse your decision, and elect to renew receiving the hardcopy Compass issue via postal mail delivery).

Regarding online trip management at the state website, and the issue of how it does not work well for how the BCMC manages its trips, it has been heard at the state level, and they have responded.
Thanks to our state representative, Peter Gowan, who presented our grievances at a state board meeting on April 14, the

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state office has agreed to meet with Seth Allen, our Outings Committee chair, and myself, as head of our Computer Committee, among others, on Thursday, June 7 in the Clubroom, to discuss this important issue. All interested members are invited to attend, especially trip leaders who have experience in using the system. Also at issue is the trip reporting process. Sheila Delamere has provided a description of that to me, which could certainly make better use of technology to save some manual effort between the BCMC and state office.

Finally, I would like to report on a presentation made by Steve Bonowski and Bryan Martin about the state office’s conservation efforts to the BCMC Council meeting on May 14. Steve, a longtime member of the CMC, is a “Senior Policy Advisor” to the Conservation Committee (according to the state website, the only place where I found him mentioned), while Bryan is it’s newly hired assistant director. Bryan comes with excellent credentials, having served with the Nature Conservancy and helped in the creation of the Continental Divide Trail. Steve, as many of you know, has long been involved with the CMC at the state level and with leading adventure travel trips. Steve proceeded to speak for over an hour, referring to a large Colorado state map covered with circled areas, X’s, and arrows; it looked like a statewide war campaign. Bryan was pretty much not involved, having only been hired this week, but warmly referred to at points by Steve, as to soon be ‘taking over the good work’ that Steve had been doing. The council members were presented with a twelve page summary of the presentation. The presentation was all well and good; a very impressive performance that the conservation office, led by Steve, and were fighting conservation battles for the CMC all over the state. However, I must say that most of it went over my head: I, nor the Council, was prepared to hear such a long presentation. But tucked away in the twelve page presentation handout were a couple of pages that attracted my attention afterwards, though were not part of Steve’s presentation.

The first was an inclusion of a letter from the outgoing Denver Group president, John Raich, delivered in November 2006. I would like to quote this interesting section of his letter:

“Perhaps the most serious challenge that the Denver Group has faced over the last half dozen years is its static or declining membership. Efforts to counter that trend have only been partially successful. We need to address this issue more forcefully if we want the club to continue to be successful. Part of the explanation may lie in the fact that there has been a shift in how some of our members and potential members view their participation in mountain recreation... In the 1990’s we saw the growth of ... “plug and play” members. These members might be characterized as being more focused in their recreational interests, have less time available due to job and other demands, want ... ready access to information, are technologically savvy, and have less patience with club rules and bureaucracy. Because of time constraints, they are less likely to volunteer but still expect a well-run organization that is focused on their interests.”

Well said. I’ve not heard anything from the Club that so concisely and forcefully addressed the issue of our declining membership; too bad Mr. Raich was leaving this post. The handout also included the Conservation Department’s financial review. This revealed the 2006 expenses were $130,848, and the projected 2007 expenses will be around $263,903 — an increase of over 100 percent. I don’t know what you may make of that, but to my mind this club had better start focusing more on its membership, and less on conservation, if it wants to continue to exist. While I agree with the aims of conservation, it does little to continue to exist. While I agree with the aims of conservation, it does little to attract or retain club members. I hope Mr. Bonowski and the state leadership take Mr. Raich’s warning to heart.

This is a real opportunity to network and serve the club. Required duties are interfacing with the BCMC and state trip schedulers, and attending the monthly Council meetings. Also needed is a Scheduler who assists in the timing and location of trips, interfacing with the Outings Chair and trip leaders, but no regular meeting attendance required. Please contact outings@cmcboulder.org.

**Clubroom Librarian Needed**

The Clubroom Library could use your help to index published materials. If you would like to pitch in, please contact the Clubroom at 303-554-7688 and describe to claim it.

**Mailing Party: June 21**

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the July 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, June 21, at 5:30 pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

**Volunteers Needed**

**Outings Chair, Scheduler Needed**

A new Outings Chair will be needed by October 2007. Seth Allen, the current chair, has diligently served in this role for three years and is ready to move on.
**June 2007 Trips continued from page 4**

Rock Leading School
Field Trip 2
This is the 2nd of 3 field trips for Rock Leading School participants. Students will practice placing protection, extending placements with runners, clipping the lead rope and constructing belay anchors on single-pitch climbs. Clint A Locks 720-201-5381 clintlocks@comcast.net

Trip#1751

Apache Pk. 13,441’
Moderate C
Queen’s Way, Semi-tech, Moderate pace
Hike from Brainard Lake past Long and Isabelle Lakes to a rugged cirque and ascend snow couloir. Ice axe, crampons, helmet required. This is technical snow climb. Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:2940 Drive Distance:70 Ward Todd Nelson 303-417-9166 tnelson@worldnet.att.net Trip#3079

**Saturday, June 23 – June 24**

Apostle North 13,869
Mod. Backpack
Apostle North. (13,860). Backpack on Sat. to the base of the peak, climb and pack out on Sunday. Winfield Cindy Carey 303-530-3103 careyc@colorado.edu Trip#2353

**Monday, June 25**

Gambit
III Climb, Shirt Tail Peak, 5.8
Eldorado Canyon
Climb four pitches of high angle fun high above the crowds of Eldorado Springs on one of the finest moderate routes in the canyon. We’ll top out at the highest point in the park. Larry Allen Pedigo 303-960-8627 larry_pedigo@yahoo.com Trip#2373

**Wednesday, June 27**

Afterwork Social Hike, Moderate A
On Trail, Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don’t call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Trail Mileage:4 Eleva-

**In Memorandum: Hans Thurnauer**

Hans Thurnauer, born in Nuremberg, Germany n 1908, died on February 2, at the age of 98. In 1935, he fled Germany and came to the United States where he began a long, distinguished career as a ceramist. Shortly after moving to Boul-der in 1967 to work for Coors, he joined the Colorado Mountain Club. Well into his second retirement he climbed Kilimanjaro with the club. Hans gave generous donations to the CMC for its then-new building in Golden, and to the Boulder Group for its photo-voltaic system at the Brainard Cabin. It was always a pleasure to meet this gentle man on the trails, cross country skiing or hiking.

— contributed by Janet Robertson

**Friday, June 29 – July 1**

Iowa Peak (13,831), Emerald Peak (13,904), and Diff. Backpack Drive on Friday to Vicksburg, backpack over Elkhead Pass to the highest water on the other side. Sat. climb 13,762, and Sunday Iowa and and Emerald. Pack out and drive home on Sunday. Good conditioning needed and BMS recommended. Cindy Carey 303-530-3103 careyc@colorado.edu Trip#2203

**Saturday, June 30**

Mt. Toll 12,979’ Moderate C
SE Face Semi-tech
Ascend snow slope from Blue Lake to summit of Mount Toll. Ice axe, crampons, helmet required. This is a technical snow climb. Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:3000 Drive Distance:70 Ward Todd Nelson 303-417-9166 tnelson@worldnet.att.net Trip#3080

Intermediate Snow School Field Trip Field Trip
Intermediate Snow School field trip. See listing on 6/5/2007 for details. Richard Munro 303-499-1489 dickmunro@gmail.com Trip#1368

Rock Leading School Field Trip Field Trip

**Outings Chair Thanks Trip Leaders**

Leaders, as you may know, you now have the ability to go online to the CMC state website and add trips at any time. We hope you will find this to be a useful, practical and more flexible way for you to submit and lead trips for the club.

First of all, I and the leadership of the Boulder group want to say how much we appreciate all of who you lead trips. We appreciate you giving of your time and skills to volunteer when we know you could very easily be using your free time in many other ways. Boulder has some of the best leaders around. We value your efforts and hope that you will find it to be continually rewarding to lead and participate in trips and give so many people wonderful experiences in the outdoors that they may not otherwise have had. So, a big thanks!

Here then are a few pertinent details for the new online trip submission process. Trips entered between scheduling periods will only appear online. Please enter your trips at least two weeks before the trip date so not only is there time to get the trip reviewed and approved well in advance of your trip, but also in your interest to have adequate time for people to sign up! Unless you are contacted and told otherwise, you may assume the trip you have entered online is approved. It is extremely rare that a trip is not approved. Also be aware that trips in the Indian Peaks Wilderness require permits. Between scheduling periods it is the leaders responsibility both to verify the permit is available before submitting the trip and to pick up the permit before the trip date. (Permits are obtained for leaders who submit their trips during the scheduling periods twice a year.) If you have any questions, please contact outings@cmcboulder.org. Thanks again for volunteering as trip leader. And have fun out there!

— contributed by Seth Allen

This is the last of 3 field trips for Rock Leading School participants, and it will emphasize multi-pitch leading techniques, including route finding and lead rack management. Clint A Locks 720-201-5381 clintlocks@comcast.net Trip#1752
## June 2007 Trips

### Saturday, June 2

- **Ptarmigan Point** 12,363’  Moderate C  
  Class C-E  Off Trail  
  Moderate pace  
  Start at Bear Lake and hike on trail to Lake Helene. Proceed off-trail to base of Ptarmigan snow field and climb up to Ptarmigan Point.  
  Priority given to recent Boulder Basic Snow students. Ice ax and helmet required.  
  Call before 9 PM  
  Trail Mileage:9  Elevation Gain:2900  
  Drive Distance:100  McHenry’s Pk  Tom Crosman  720-494-1732  tom@crosman.org  
  Trip#1498

### Intermediate, June 5

**Intermediate Snow School Lecture**  
Intermediate Snow School is intended for those who would like to gain experience with hard snow travel techniques on steep snow/ice. First field trip includes roped travel, snow anchors, delaying and self-arrest practice. Second trip focuses on crampon use, ascent/descent on steep snow/ice, and snow/rock transitions. Techniques are useful for CO peaks in mid/late summer. Field trips on 6/10 & 6/30. Prerequisites include Basic Snow & Basic Rock School or equivalent experience. Contact Richard Munro at snow@cmcboulder.org. Richard Munro 303-499-1489 dickmunro@gmail.com  
Trip#1366

**Walk in the Park**  
Sport park  
I Climb, 5.5  
Short walk after crossing Boulder Creek, climb a long pitch of bolted variety on rock. 6 am start climbing. Limit of 2. Be to work by 9:00 am.  
Trail Mileage:1  
Elevation Gain:100  Drive Distance:16  
Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimele@msn.com  
Trip#2234

### Wednesday, June 6

- **Arestua Hut**  
  Easy B  
  Guinn Mtn. 11,200’  
  Follow old mining and lumber roads to our snug little alpine shelter. Summit of Guinn Mtn. gives a fine view of the fabulous Moffat railroad grade.  
  Trail Mileage:10  Elevation Gain:2000  
  Drive Distance:50  Nederland Ellen Flannelly 303-440-0130 e.flannelly@comcast.net  
  Trip#1993

### Friday, June 8

**First Flatiron - Fandango**  
5.5, I Climb  
Summit the First Flatiron by this fun 6 pitch route. Preference given to newer climbers and grads from BRS. Expect an early start and a long day.  
Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net  
Trip#1596

### Saturday, June 9

**Mt. Evans via Sunrise Couloir**  
Easy C-E, Semi-tech, Moderate pace  
Summit a 14’er by an easy technical snow route. Experience with crampons, ice axe, and roped travel necessary.  
Trail Mileage:5  Elevation Gain:1740  
James Garnett 303-564-8173 garnett@acm.org  
Trip#1517

### Sunday, June 10

- **Mt Neva** 12,814’  Moderate C  
  Snow Climb  Semi-tech  
  We’ll do a moderate snow climb of the Juliet couloir. Great views of Indian Pks Wilderness. Ice axe and helmet required. Leader and conditions will dictate whether we kick step or use crampons.  
  Trail Mileage:8  Elevation Gain:2700  
  Drive Distance:100  David U Longenecker 303-440-7023 longenecker@srf.cmdl.noaa.gov  
  Trip#1792

### Tuesday, June 12

**Backpacking School Lecture**  
For registered participants of the Backpacking School. This course covers equipment, trip planning, site selection, meals, leave no trace principles, bear-bagging, and more. School consists of 1 lecture (6/12, 6:30 pm, Boulder club room) and 1 or 2 field trips (one and/or two-night option).  
Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org  
Trip#1755

### Wednesday, June 13

- **Wind Ridge, II Climb**  
  Wind Tower 5.6  
  Eldorado Canyon  
  Wind-and chin-your way up this airy Eldorado three-star face climb. After work at 4 pm.  
  Jean Aschenbrenner 303-786-9411  
  Trip#2372

**Breakfast in Bed III Climb**  
Eldorado Canyon 5.8
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The climb initially traverses right on steep rock requiring balancey moves, and then shoots straight up a chimney right next to the arête, eventually moving out onto the arête. The climb tops out on easy ground and belays at a tree. Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#2213

Afterwork Social Hike
Moderate A, On Trail, Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don’t call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com Trip#1959

Saturday, June 16

North Face Couloir Flattop
Moderate D Central Gully
Semi-tech Moderate pace
Steep snow climb up central gully of North face of Flattop Mountain, descend Ptarmigan Glacier. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, previous snow experience required. This is a technical snow climb. Trail Mileage:7 Elevation Gain:4000 Drive Distance:60 Mc Henrys Pk Todd Nelson 303-417-9166 tnelson@worldnet.att.net Trip#3078

Rock Leading School
Field Trip 1
This is the 1st of 3 field trips for Rock Leading School participants. The use of natural and artificial protection, construction of belay anchors, racking of equipment and placement of gear on lead will be introduced. Clint A Locks 720-201-5381 clintlocks@comcast.net Trip#1750

Saturday, June 16 – June 17

Backpacking School
Field Trip
For registered participants of the Backpacking Shool. This course covers equipment, trip planning, site selection, meals, leave no trace principles, bear-bagging, and more. School consists of 1 lecture (6/12, 6.30 pm, Boulder club room) and 1 or 2 field trips (one and/or two-nite option) Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#1756

Monday, June 18

Whistletop
(5.2 crack system, and a 5.3 dihedral on this top rope tripod views of the Bastille, Redgarden Wall, and Wind Tower, easily accessed in Eldorado Canyon. Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#2363

Wednesday, June 20

S Arapaho Pk 13,397
Difficult C, IPW, Scrambling
From the 4th of July trailhead, follow Arapahoe Pass Trail to the SE ridge and scramble to the summit. Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:3250 Drive Distance:50 Monarch Lake Ellen Flannely 303-440-0130 e.flannelly@comcast.net Trip#1994

Afterwork Social Hike
Moderate A, On Trail, Casual pace
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don’t call, just show up at 6 p.m. at the Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Boulder/Eldorado Springs Jim Groh 303-604-0024 jimgroh@earthlink.net Trip#1960

Tour 5.Easy Climb on the Wind Tower
I Climb, Eldorado Canyon 5.5
We’ll climb one or more of these climbs on the Wind Tower -- Breezy (5.5), Tigger (5.5), Boulder Direct (5.5) and The Bomb (5.4). Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#2273

Thursday, June 21

Freeway on 2nd Flatiron
I Climb, Scrambling, 5.0
Scramble up the fun and ever changing Freeway route of the 2nd Flatiron to celebrate the Summer Solstice. Start and end on trail. Return via the trial between the 1st and 2nd Flatiron. Must be comfortable with exposure. Helmets required. You’ll know if this is for you within the first 50 feet of climbing. Afternoon Climb Trail Mileage:1 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:2 Boulder Open Space Tarils Map. Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com Trip#2235

Saturday, June 23

West Face of Whales Tail
Top Roping, 5.3
Enjoy a 5.2 crack system, and a 5.3 dihedral on this top rope tripod views of the Bastille, Redgarden Wall, and Wind Tower, easily accessed in Eldorado Canyon. Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#2370

Finch Lake
Moderate B
Ascend from Finch Lake trailhead to this lovely lake nestled beneath St. Vrain Mountain. View the dramatic high peaks of Wild Basin. Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:1400 Allens Park Neal Zaun 303-449-8547 nhzaun@aol.com Trip#2324

Whales Tail, West Face
I Climb, 5.3
Enjoy a 5.2 crack system, a 5.3 dihedral on this top rope session amid views of the Bastille, Redgarden Wall, and Wind Tower, easily accessed in Eldorado Canyon. Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#2338

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Summer Youth Programs Still Open

Are you looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Join the CMC Youth Education Program for rock climbing, hiking and outdoor adventures. Multi-day camps run Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. based at the AMC in Golden.

Saturday Adult/Child field events open to youth ages 7-10. Meet at the AMC at 8 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m.
Outdoor Rock Climbing: July 28. Cost: $30/participant.
REGISTER TODAY at www.cmc.org.

For more information contact Krista Javoronok at javork@cmc.org or check out www.cmc.org/yep.

SoboFest CMC Booth Needs Your Help!

All you climbers who frequent the Southern Sun, listen up! SoboFest, a celebration of southern Boulder sponsored by the Southern Sun microbrewpub, is happening Saturday, June 9. We will have a booth to let the public know about the CMC, and need some volunteers to help man it.

Three two hour time slots need to be filled: 11-1, 1-3, 3-5, with two volunteers each. Please send email to sobofest@cmcboulder.org, or call the Clubroom, if you would like to help. This festival has been gaining popularity for three years now, and the CMC enjoys the privilege of supporting it. So, come be a part of it, and give it up for SoboFest!

Profile: Old Pete Speaks

Editor: Regrettably, I cannot conclude my interview with Pete Ratcliffe in this issue, which began in May. June is such a busy month for the BCMC! Here is a short fragment of the continued story; conclusion next month for sure!

Pete: No. I had left the trail that goes up through Bear Canyon. And, also, a familiar phenomenon [to climbers] now happened: I had gotten up close to the base of the mountain, so that now I couldn’t see the top of it anymore, so I wasn’t at all certain where it was! So, I turned around and went home.

But, I continued to think about it, and looked at it through my telescope occasionally. Also, in my last semester in high school I had taken a geology class and we had studied topographic maps....

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