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e-Compass there to receive this news-
letter via email – and save the Club
money!)

Note from the Editor
You will surely notice something dif-
ferent in this issue: it’s only four pages!
Since the amount of copy I received for
the Club’s activities this month only
filled about four pages, I decided (with
Council support) to omit the middle page
insert to save money. The Council is
considering this a permanent feature by
omitting the trips listing, since these are
now available from a quarterly news-
print edition, and, of course, the online
trip listing at cmc.org. If you have an
opinion about this, please email boulder-
cmccouncil@yahoo groups.com or send
a letter to the Clubroom (see address
on page 2). Another recent interesting
development was “the re-establishment

Boulder Group Christmas
Party

Every year the Boulder Group has a
Christmas Party open to all members,
which follows the December Council
meeting. Consider yourself invited!
(RSVP not necessary) The traditional
Christmas party will be held at the Club-
room Sunday, December 9th, at 6 pm.
The format will be pot-luck, BYOB and
strictly informal. It will be a wonderful
opportunity for you to meet your Council
and state council liaison members, get
familiar with them and ask any questions
you might have. □

BMS Winter Schools

The BCMC Winter Schools are here!
Just a reminder that the club offers
classes in XC Skiing, Telemark Skiing,
Backcountry Skiing, Winter Camping,
Avalanche Safety, and Ice climbing.
Many of the classes will close out, so
make sure you reserve a spot early. (The
Cross-Country clinic, also open to the
public, has an announcement on page
2.) Full information on the schedule and
prices are available on our website at
http://cmcboulder.org/bms/winterSched-
ule.html □

Annual Dinner Ushers in
New Year for BCMC

Tom Wilson, past chair, welcomes Brenda
Leach as the new Council chair at the annual
dinner

Combine an aperitif of a relaxed atmo-
sphere; a mixed tossing of good food and
fun people; followed with a quick, spicy,
dash of a necessary business meeting;
interject a diversionary taste of raffle;
followed by an engaging main course
of a talk on the CMC’s deep history,
topped off with a sweet and light dessert
of swing dancing — and you have one
heck of a classic BCMC dinner. Such
was the evening of Saturday, November
3, at the Avalon Ballroom. The second
year of the pot luck format again worked
well; it’s amazing how the variety of
dishes balanced out without planning,
and everyone seemed to get plenty to
eat — especially desserts! There were
even more people than last year, at 168,
and the event did make a slim profit. A
meaningful business meeting followed
which accomplished the approval of
the updating of wording in the by-laws
that brought them into accordence with
modern reality (many thanks to Peter
Gowan’s work on this; you can see the
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of the CMC Expeditions Committee by
the CMC State Board at their most recent
meeting.” (Nov 12 GPS) While expedi-
tions are of interest to only a minority of
our members, it is still a novel develop-
ment that this editor will enjoy report-
ing to you in future issues. Until then, I
encourage all members to come to the
Christmas Party on Dec 9th. (see above)
Hope to see you there!

— the Editor

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Leaders and Instructors Collect Prizes

Our annual prize drawing for leaders and instructors was held at the end of October, right after the Boston Red Sox won the World Series. This year there were 51 prizes including 20 degree sleeping bags, a backpack, a tent and many gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants. We would like to thank all the members who donated their time and knowledge to lead a trip and/or to help with one of our many schools. You are the ones who make the Boulder group of the CMC a success. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the prize drawing. This would not be possible without your generosity. Below is a list of those who donated to the prize drawing. Neptune Mountaineering, Active Imprints, Avery Brewery, BJ’s Restaurant Brewery, Boulder Army Store, Boulder Book Store, Boulder Mountaineering, Boulder Mountain Repair, Boulder Running Co., Crocs, Dark Horse, Golite, Himalayas Restaurant, Juanita’s, Kelty, La Sportiva, Lazy Dog Sports Bar & Grill, Mont Bell, Old Chicago, Oskar Blues Grill & Brewery, REI, Rio Grande, Russian/Sherpani, Sierra Designs, Southern Sun, Stonewear, The Spot Gym, Trango.

— contributed by Phil Congdon

Cross-Country Ski Clinic Starts Dec 4

If you’ve not tried backcountry ski touring or would like to improve your technique, this is the class for you! It’s aimed at beginners (never been on skis), novices (some downhill or cross-country experience) or beginning intermediate (some experience but want to improve your skill level). The seminar covers an overview of the sport, clothing, equipment, technique and rentals in a lecture at Neptune’s on Tuesday, December 4, 7 to 9 pm. Field trips are held the two Saturdays of December 8 and 15. Working on the diagonal stride, uphill and downhill techniques, and turns. Field trip participants must be fit enough to handle a full day of moderate exercise at altitude. We encourage beginners to attend both field trips. Call Bob Olson for more details at 303-443-3280. Anyone can attend the classroom seminar but participation in the field trips is limited to members who pay the $20 class fee and complete the application form, which is available at cmcboulder.org, at the Clubroom, and at Neptune Mountaineering.

CMC Mountain Fest Happening Dec 1st

Designed for beginning to expert mountain enthusiasts, the Colorado Mountain Club’s 3rd annual Mountain Fest is a full day of mountain exposure at the American Mountaineering Center. From photos and food, to outdoor skills clinics and gear, there is something for everyone. Family activities will be offered from 10-12. Skills and conservation clinics will begin at 1 p.m., with indoor rock climbing and a silent auction. The evening presentation by Aron Ralston, author of Between A Rock and a Hard Place, will begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the CMC’s Youth Education Program. Visit www.cmcboulder.org/mftfest for more information and tickets.

Mailing Party: Dec 20

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the January 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, Dec 20, 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.
December 2007 Trips

Saturday, December 1

Avalanche Level I Certification Field Trip

Level 1 avalanche certification is an introduction to avalanche awareness and safety, including identifying avalanche terrain, making good route-finding decisions, and performing field tests to learn snow stability. Recognizing weather, terrain and snow factors contributing to instability, and learning fast and efficient transceiver rescue. School consists of 2 lectures (11/27; 11/29; one field trip (12/1). Signup begins at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Field Trip Overview and Signup Meeting. $$ Register with leader. Boulder Leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnone2@comcast.net Trip#4323

Tuesday, December 4

Cross-country ski clinic

Instruction Session

An evening of instruction on the basics of cross-country skiing for beginning and intermediate skiers. Lectures include clothing, equipment and technique. This will prepare you for on-snow lessons on one or both of the following 2 Saturdays. Look for details in October and November Compass. Download application form from Boulder Group website or pick it up at the Clubroom or the 11/5 winter schools meeting. $20 registration fee for field trips. Boulder Leader: Bob Olson 303-443-3280 boulderbob@comcast.net Trip#3919

Avalanche Beacon Field Practice

Instruction Session

Prepare for the snow season by gaining proficiency in using your avalanche beacon. The lecture is open to all CMC members, is from 7 pm to approximately 9:30 at the CMC-Boulder clubroom, and will cover the basic to intermediate concepts so that you can become better at beacon searches. Basic skills will be explained and practiced. This class will be followed up by outdoor practices in small groups, in-town, on the student choice of the evenings of December 4th, 11th, or 18th. This class is NOT a substitute for an avalanche class--it only covers beacons and assumes you have had an avalanche awareness or level I class in the past 7 years. Information on upcoming avalanche classes will be available. The lecture is free but donations accepted to offset the costs of the beacons, batteries, and clubroom expenses. Field practices are $5 and a limited number of beacons can be rented for the field day for $5. Preference will be given to winter trip leaders and instructors up until November 18th. Walk-ins for the lecture permitted on space available basis. Advanced registration for the field practices required. To register please email jill.yarger@prodigy.net with title of &cmc beacon refresher;. Boulder Leader: Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#4404

Saturday, December 8

Brainard Cabin

Mod. Snowshoe

Take a walk in the woods to Brainard Lake and then onto the cozy Boulder Group Cabin. We will travel by SS trail and road depending on snow and wind conditions. $1 donation at cabin. Boulder Trail Mileage: 6 Elevation Gain: 600 Drive Distance: 100 Topo Map(s): Ward Leader: Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com Trip#3645

Ski Touring Field Trip

Field Trip (Instructors)

Ski tour lessons for beginners and intermediate skiers to follow the 12/4 lecture. Learn new techniques and/or brush up on old ones. Download application form from Boulder Group website or pick it up from the Clubroom or at the 11/6 winter schools meeting. Boulder Leader: Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 butler@csd.net Trip#3917

Field Trip (Instructors)

Ski tour lessons for beginners and intermediate skiers to follow the 12/4 lecture. Learn new techniques and/or brush up on old ones. Download application form from Boulder Group website or pick it up from the Clubroom or at the 11/6 winter schools meeting. Boulder Leader: Bob Olson 303-443-3280 boulderbob@comcast.net Trip#3920

Friday, December 14 – December 16

Shrine Mtn Hut

Mod. I Ski Tour

Ski from Vail Pass to Shrine Mtn huts and stay at Jay’s cabin. $97 for the cabin spot and Vail area fee. Nice touring and tele skiing around the hut. Boulder Trail Mileage: 6 Elevation Gain: 700 Drive Distance: 200 Topo Map(s): Vail Pass Leader: Bob Lewis 303-232-9587

Trip#3671

Saturday, December 15

Little Raven Trail Mod. II Ski Tour

The most exciting route to Brainard Lake. After hot tea at the CMC cabin, zip back down via the Waldrop (North) trail. Boulder Trail Mileage: 9 Elevation Gain: 500 Drive Distance: 50 Topo Map(s): Ward Leader: Steve Priem 303-499-9024 spriem@yahoo.com Trip#3672

Friday, December 28

Brainard Lake Loop

Mod. I Ski Tour

Ski north from the road closure looping to the far end of the lake. We will have lunch at the CMC cabin. We will finish the loop by skiing the opposite side of the lake, south, back to the TH. The trip includes easy climbs and exciting downhill stretch Boulder Trail Mileage: 8 Elevation Gain: 900 Drive Distance: 60 Topo Map(s): Ward Leader: Tom Crosman 720-494-1732 tom@crosman.org Trip#3289
Rent the Clubroom for Your Meeting

Are you a member of an organization looking for a place to hold your meeting, or know of someone who is? If so, you might consider our Clubroom in the Table Mesa Shopping Center. Our rental policy is on our website at www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html. Send email to clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org with any questions.

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