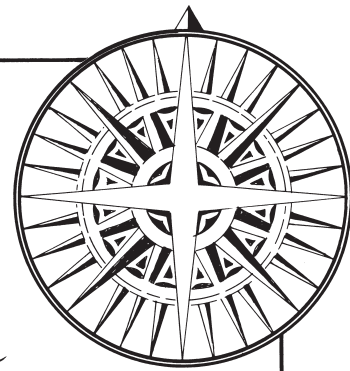




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## Note from the Editor

The holiday season has rolled around once more, and of course this means a change towards the more snow and ice oriented outdoor activities. So check out all the schools, clinics and trips that the CMC has to offer; there's a lot there!

Other news to report: our webmaster, Tom Crosman, felt it was time to move on, and so the search is on for another person(s) to take over those duties. Tom was instrumental in bringing up the new website last year, and the Boulder Group owes him great thanks for helping us with that. This was announced in the GPS just last week, and someone has

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## CMC Executive Director Resigns

On November 21, 2007, the president of the state board of the CMC, Janice Palmer, sent the board the following message (excerpt): "It is with quite a heavy heart that I must let you all know that Kristy [Judd] accepted an incredible opportunity as the Executive Director for Metro Volunteers of Denver. She begins her new venture in mid-February 2008. As most of you know Kristy has been employed by the Colorado Mountain Club for 11 years building staff, programs, volunteer capacity, and group relations; and at the forefront of the American Mountaineering Center facility activity. We will miss Kristy in so very many aspects of the CMC mission and work that there just aren't enough adjectives to express the impact..."

At the time this issue was being published, there was no further news, other than that Kristy will continue to serve through January 2008. Given the challenge of declining membership facing the CMC, along with other changes, the choice of the new executive director will be an important decision that deserves to be well considered by the state board. At this point, all this editor knows is that a search process is being formed; more details will follow in the next issue.

— contributed by Rick Casey  
 with assistance of other Council Members



## Welcome Brenda Leach, New Council Chair for 2008



*Brenda climbing this fall at Shelf Road, near Canon City*

Dear Boulder Group Members,

Greetings from your new Chair! I'm very honored to be chosen to lead the CMC Boulder Group and I hope that we accomplish some great things over the next year.

Like many others, I joined the club to learn new outdoor skills and to meet others who enjoy similar outdoor activities. I moved to Boulder in 1980. In 1981, a friend said "Let's take Boulder Mountaineering School together". I said "OK", not knowing what I was getting myself into. I recall being quite petrified heading downhill on my back on a snowfield and trying to self-arrest. But, the rock climb-

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ing part of BMS hit a chord with me. I really loved the sport and have stuck with it since then with a few gaps. My husband and I have climbed at numerous locations in the US and other countries such as Australia, Canada, France and South Africa. All of this started by taking BMS! While my passion has been for rock climbing, others in the club have been drawn to hiking or snow sports. And, there's some talented folks in the club who excel at all of them!

As more and more people get into outdoor sports, I believe it's valuable to learn climbing and other outdoor skills through organizations such as the CMC. We teach our members to appreciate and take care of the outdoors and we have a strong sense of safety. That being said, not everyone has learned their outdoor skills through the CMC. We need to respect that and encourage them to become active trip leaders and instructors too.

Over the years, I've found that when I give to the CMC, I get back a lot in return. A couple of years ago, Gail Blandford, Nickie Kelly and I taught a group of high school girls in Basic Rock School. They were so appreciative of the time and knowledge that we shared with them that it made our efforts well-rewarded. And as an instructor, I find that teaching reinforces my own skills and knowledge.

So, I encourage all members to give back to the CMC and outdoor community by volunteering to lead trips and teach. You will get a lot back in return!

Sincerely,  
Brenda Leach  
Boulder Group CMC Chair

## New Council Chair for Marketing

A slight reshuffling of the Council positions was decided at the December Council meeting. The Publicity Chair was retired, replaced by a Chair of Marketing. Kirsten Kindt, who headed Publicity, will continue as the new chair. This title, and its greater focus on promoting the club and club subscriptions, was felt more appropriate to the

## Annapurna Expedition To Be Led By CMC Member

Dare to Dream 2008, is an expedition to Annapurna - the world's 10th highest mountain and a Himalayan peak rich in historical significance. Dare to Dream 2008 has partnered with the HERA Foundation dedicated to ovarian cancer awareness, to link together adventure on one of the worlds highest mountains with powerful philanthropy and health awareness. "Despite being the first 8,000 meter peak to be climbed Annapurna has since received the least number of attempts and ascents of all the 8,000 meter mountains." Climbing to the summit of Annapurna is an extraordinary undertaking for any woman - or man, and we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first all-women's climb of Annapurna - as well as demonstrating how far women and men have come in working together to achieve goals and overcome adversity. This project will take Annapurna beyond a physical summit to a deeper story of inspiration and hope. We will spread the message of health education, empowerment and the value of turning dreams into reality.

Led By Everest Summiteer Tonya Riggs, the expedition will take place during the fall of 2008. The climbing team will be comprised of carefully selected women and men and will include an international mix of mountaineers of varying ages. In addition to the climbers, a group of trekkers will join the team on the hike into Base Camp, and will include in cooperation with HERA, several survivors of ovarian cancer.

The expedition will be filmed in High Definition video and regular satellite updates will be provided by the team while on the mountain. [www.Dareto-Dream2008.com](http://www.Dareto-Dream2008.com). [Editor's Note: Tonya Riggs served as Boulder Council Chair in 2006. The expedition is also open to ten non-technical trekkers, at the cost of \$4,900 per person, which have not yet been filled.]

times. Rick Casey agreed to be assistant to the Marketing Chair. The publications, GPS and Compass, were also made part of this chair's supervision. The Council hopes it will help to improve our services to the group members. □

## CMC Orientation Program on January 16

For new or prospective members. Come join with other outdoor enthusiasts for information on hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and more. All free! Time is 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday; BCMC Clubroom, in Table Mesa shopping center, around the corner (northwest) from Neptunes. For details, call (303) 554-7688. Other information about the club is at [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org). For all you members out there, BRING A FRIEND who might be interested! This is also an opportunity for anyone enthusiastic about the club to share your interest with the general public. □

### Volunteers Needed

### Mailing Party: Jan 24

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the December 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, Jan 24, 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.

## January HAMS Program to feature Gerry Roach

January 17, 2008

7:00 – 9:30 pm

American Mountaineering Center

Join Gerry Roach as he presents a photographic slide presentation of all the photos from his two autobiographical books *Transcendent Summits* (2004) and *Ride the Breath* (2007). Following the presentation there will be time for questions and discussion.

In part two of his gripping autobiography, world-class climber Gerry Roach continues his action-packed tales of mountaineering around the world. His stories are laced with a hard-edged reality that is tempered by his spiritual growth. *Ride the Breath* follows his continuing quests, picking up where *Transcendent Summits* ends.

This candid memoir takes you to some of Earth's most captivating peaks and lands: the Tetons, the North Cascades, the Canadian Rockies and Yukon, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, the Antarctic, Rainier, Iceland, Norway, the Alps, Africa's fabled Kilimanjaro, the Australian outback, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Hawaii. In each of these stories Gerry better defines the edges between risk and reward, lust and loss, dreamtime and terrortime, and perhaps most importantly, transcendence and transgression. Gerry has a unique ability to take his readers into the mountains with him and hold them on multiple belays. In the end, the life lessons learned transcend his climbs, allowing Gerry to include his readers on his climb for peace, which becomes an ever-growing Odyssean exploration.

Gerry Roach is the second person ever to climb the highest peak on each of the seven continents. He has climbed actively around the world for six decades, and been on 35 major expeditions. In 2000 he became the first person to climb North America's ten highest peaks.

—from the HAMS program

For further information, see <http://cmc.org/events/eventdetails.aspx?EventID=1198>

## Meet New Member-At-Large, Chris Klotz

*Editor's Note: Another new Council member for 2008 is Chris Klotz, an at-large member. To introduce her to the members, I asked if she would answer a few questions about her interest in the CMC.*



*Compass: So Chris, how long have you been a CMC member and what activities have you enjoyed with them?*

I have been a member of CMC since 1997. I was learning to climb with friends and heard through the grapevine that CMC offered some classes that focused on safety, gear, and technique. I signed up for BMS, completed the class, and was hooked! It gave me the confidence to go to the next level with mountaineering and specifically climbing. Since then, I've enjoyed teaching BMS, co-leading a variety of trips, and meeting great people in the process!

*Compass: As a new member-at-large on the Council, what made you want to volunteer for the position?*

Over time, I stopped signing up for trips with the CMC but continued participate activities on my own with friends mostly outside of CMC. I took an occasional class and even taught some, but I was less and less affiliated with CMC. I recently moved back to the area after being out of state for two years. While I was gone, I realized how valuable the CMC is as a community resource. The CMC offered me some great experiences and I decided to volunteer to ensure the CMC continues to be a foundational organization in our community.

*Compass: How do you view CMC's contribution to its community?*

I think the mission is stated well in the book, "Guide to the Rocky Mountains, Revised Ninth Edition" written by The Colorado Mountain Club with Robert M. Ormes, Edited by Randy Jacobs.

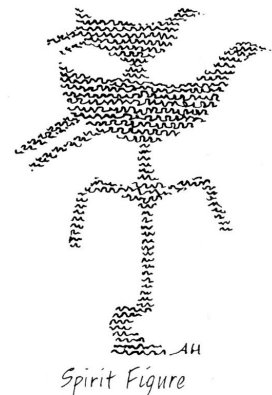
"We are organized: To unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature, art and recreation; to stimulate the public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of forest, flowers, fauna and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region."

In addition, CMC has become an organized repository of local history and attracts those skilled and knowledgeable in mountaineering. It includes the vast geographies from the Western Slope to the Front Range. It's a place where people can come for safe and competent skills transfer and have fun at the same time. New people can learn about the area and the more established can rediscover the beauty our area has to offer.

*Compass: Is there any particular goal you have in this position or way that you want to contribute?*

My goal is to keep CMC a vibrant part of our community where people can learn about the area, acquire and practice outdoor skills, share their specialties and ideas and feel welcomed in our community. □

*Editor's Additional Note: You can see who else is on the Council on the website at <http://cmcboulder.org/generalInfo.html>*



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## January 2008 Trips

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Tuesday, January 01  
Avalanche Level 2 Certification  
Lecture  
Signup begins at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Field Trip Overview and Signup Meeting. Dates TBD \$\$ Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4334

Wednesday, January 02  
Area Telemark Clinic      Lecture (Ski)  
This two day clinic is for the beginner to intermediate telemark skiers who want to improve their techniques. Clinic consists of a single lecture plus 2 days of area skiing at Loveland. Lecture 1/2/08, Field trips 1/6 & 1/13. Signup begins at the Nov 5 BMS Wintr Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Discount tickets available. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4326

Thursday, January 03  
Ice Climbling School      Lecture  
The Ice Climbing school is intended for those would like to gain exposure to the basics of Ice Climbing. School consists of 1 lecture (1/3/08) and 1 field trip (1/12 or 1/13) Signup starts at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Clinics signup. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4328

Friday, January 04  
Coney Flats      Easy III Ski Tour  
From Beaver Reservoir glide into the valley below dramatic Sawtooth Mtn. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:839 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Allens Park, Ward Leader:Tom Crosman 720-494-1732 tom@crosman.org Trip#3287

Sunday, January 06  
Black Lakes Ridge Telemark  
Mod. III Ski Tour  
Blue Downhill  
Moderate pace  
Starting at Vail Pass parking area, ski up the ridge between Shrine Pass Rd and Black Lake. Ski down the ridge 2 or 3 times. Climbing skins and good telemark/downhill skills required. Later

start and dinner in Frisco to avoid traffic. Call leader only between 9 AM and 9 PM. Boulder Trail Mileage:9 Elevation Gain:1800 Drive Distance:210 Topo Map(s):Vail Pass Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#3283

Area Telemark Clinic      Field Trip (Ski)  
This two day clinic is for the beginner to intermediate telemark skiers who want to improve their techniques. Clinic consists of a single lecture plus 2 days of area skiing at Loveland. Lecture 1/2/08, Field trips 1/6 & 1/13. Signup begins at the Nov 5 2006 BMS Wintr Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Discount tickets for Loveland Ski area will be available for purchase. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4324

Saturday, January 12  
Ice Climbling School      Ice Climb  
Field Trip  
The Ice Climbing school is intended for those would like to gain exposure to the basics of Ice Climbing. School consists of 1 lecture (1/3/08) and 1 field trip (1/12 or 1/13) Signup starts at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Clinics signup. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4329

Sunday, January 13  
Ice Climbling School      Ice Climb  
Field Trip  
The Ice Climbing school is intended for those would like to gain exposure to the basics of Ice Climbing. School consists of 1 lecture (1/3/08) and 1 field trip (1/12 or 1/13) Signup starts at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Clinics signup. Register with leader. For more info, contact ice@cmcboulder.org Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4330

Area Telemark Clinic      Field Trip (Ski)  
This two day clinic is for the beginner to intermediate telemark skiers who want to improve their techniques. Clinic consists of a single lecture plus 2 days of area skiing at Loveland. Lecture 1/2/08, Field

trips 1/6 & 1/13. Signup begins at the Nov 5 BMS Wintr Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Discount tickets available. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4325

Wednesday, January 16  
Winter Camping Clinic      Lecture  
This clinic is geared toward those with minimal winter camping experience. The course covers tent camping, building snow structures such as kitchens, walls & emergency shelters, such as snow caves. Travel via showshoes or skis. Clinic consists of 1 lecture (1/16) and one weekend overnight field trip (2/2-2/3). Signup begins at the Nov 5 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Willy Gully 303-939-8382 wgully@ball.com Trip#4332

Friday, January 18  
Peaceful Valley or Coney Flats      Easy II Ski Tour  
The area we choose will depend on snow conditions. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:50 Leader:Tom Crosman 720-494-1732 tom@crosman.org Trip#3288

Saturday, January 19  
Ski Idlewild      Easy III Ski Tour  
Ski in this area near Frasier, no trail pass required. Boulder Trail Mileage:3 Elevation Gain:100 Drive Distance:200 Leader:Steve Priem 303-449-0577 spriem@yahoo.com Trip#3673

Arapahoe Lakes      Adv. I Ski Tour  
Ski Mountaineering  
Climb to the lakes and enjoy a 1,000 ft tree and powder run back to a fast trail; climbing skins and good tel/AT skills required. Beacons suggested. East Portal 7/2000', 50 mi. Register with the leader. Ron Spoerl, (303) 494-7977. Boulder Trail Mileage:7 Elevation Gain:2000 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):East Portal Leader:Ronald Spoerl 303-494-7977 rwspoerl@dim.com Trip#3740

Saturday, January 26  
Bierstadt Lake      Easy II Ski Tour  
Start at Bear lake TH in RMNP. Climb Bierstadt Moraine, which is somewhat

## Thanks to our Annual Dinner Sponsors

The Boulder Council would like to thank the following establishments for donating to our Annual Dinner for the Instructor prizes, Trip Leader prizes and Gear Raffle. We especially would like to recognize Café Sole for providing the coffee at the dinner. Please patronize our sponsors!

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already replied to that announcement, so the process of transferring to a new webmaster is under way. Other interested and qualified volunteers are still encouraged to apply, as there's still a lot of work to fulfill the website's potential.

At the last Council meeting, one of the more significant developments was the report from the Outings Chair, Gary Schmidt, that an "Outings Task Force" has been formed, consisting of himself, the former Outings Chair, Seth Allen, and Tom Wilson, who is past Council chair and current head of AMS. This high-powered group is trying to hammer out the issues on how to improve the process by which trip leaders are selected and approved, particularly for technical rock climbing. It has been known for some time that the current process is quite flawed and needs to be reworked. This is a very positive development, and should result in a much improved procedure by which trip leaders are cultivated. It is one of the CMC's really core missions, so it is heartening indeed to see this task force tackling the issue head-on. You can be sure that the future developments on this issue will be reported here. For anyone wishing to have input on this issue, namely how trip leaders are selected, approved or trained, I would encourage you to submit any comments to [outings@cmcboulder.org](mailto:outings@cmcboulder.org).

Another new development that occurred this past month was a new feature on the

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*A good time was had by all at the Christmas dinner in the Clubroom, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*



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steep for the first 1/2 mile, then a rolling, gentle downhill glide to Bierstadt Lk. Additional side adventures depend on group and weather. Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:800 Topo Map(s): McHenrys Pk Leader:Peter Gowen 303-494-5420 PJGowen@comcast.net Trip#3491

Sunday, January 27

Buttler Gulch Adv. I Ski Tour  
Telemark Practice

A dependable powder stash for begining telemark skiers. Trailhead near Berthoud Pass. Yo-yo the 800 vertical ft several times. Bring skins. Register with leader. Boulder Trail Mileage:12 Elevation Gain:2000 Drive Distance:100 Topo Map(s):Berthoud Pass Leader:Willy Gully 303-939-8382 wgully@ball.com Trip#3527

Wednesday, January 30

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic  
Lecture (Ski)

Lecture #1

This mandatory lecture provides an overview of the three Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic field trips. Various technical topics will be discussed including gear requirements, curriculum, and field trip details. For registered 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry ski clinic participants. Signup begins at the 5 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Boulder Leader:Cynthia L Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#4335 □

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website. If you browse to [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org), scroll down to the bottom of the page; you will see a set of thumbnail photographs with titles. If you click on the picture, it will blow up to a larger image; clicking on the larger image will reduce it back down to the thumbnail again.

This very slick trick is brought to you by Wayne Densmore, a volunteer connected to our Computer Committee. Wayne is an experienced programmer who's long been a CMC member. All these pictures were uploaded via the website, which is available by clicking the menu items 'Group' then 'Share Your Photos'. More submissions are encouraged!

As far as other news, the annual Christmas party, held Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, was lively, fun time. (And just to be politically correct, although we call it a "Christmas" dinner, it is strictly non-denominational!) While not as big a deal as the Annual Dinner, it had a more intimate and comfortable feel to it that allowed for some old friendships to be reacquainted and other new friendships to form. Have a safe and happy holidays!

□

## INDIAN PEAKS

But how am I to tell you  
you who . . .  
walk up my side  
your lug sole boots sinking  
into berry seeps  
do you see how a heavier mark  
you leave than she who walked  
in deerskin not so long before you--  
in your years 12,000 or so--  
over the notch of my shoulder  
into Middle Park to summer  
with her people along Willow Creek  
in beauty all around she walked  
you follow the same path            i  
in beauty you walk . . .  
your voice of white fire  
not yet lit.

(In celebration of the Navajo Teachers  
workshop at Window Rock, Nov. 17,  
2007)

— by Justice Gregory Hobbs

## Rent the Clubroom!

Contact [clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org) for more info.

## 2nd Annual Durango Ice Demo

For the ice climbers out there, in Cascase Canyon outside Durango, January 4 - 6, 2008, there will be an ice climbing equipment demo. As the website says "This year's clinics will be taught by Jack Tackle, Charley Mace, and Carolyn Parker. Slideshows, clinics, and plenty of gear to demo. A great way to beat the crowds at the Ouray Ice Fest!" See [www.swaguides.com](http://www.swaguides.com) for more information. By the way, if anybody goes to this, I welcome you to share your experience with the Compass. □

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