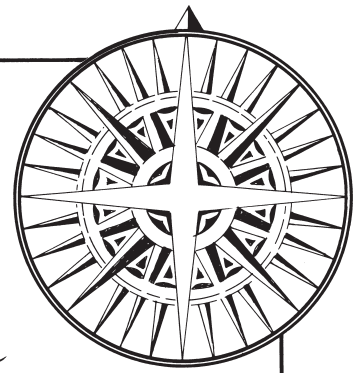




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## Deadline for March issue is: Feb 8

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## Note from the Editor

You will notice that this issue is just four pages long, and contains a few new features that I am trying out, with our Council's approval. In particular, the Trips Section will become the Trips & Activities Section, and will include selected non-trip events of potential interest to CMC members. Other items of note: the new Mountaineering Museum at the AMC in Golden has its grand opening to the public happens February 16 but there will be a CMC only opening on February 7; see the Trips & Activities Section.

Otherwise, the Outings Task Force is still working on overhauling the leader approval processes, which showed significant progress from their report at the January Council meeting. Another

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## Conservation Applications Due March 1

Since 2000, the Boulder Group of the CMC has accepted applications for conservation funds from the Bob Farley Memorial Trails and Conservation; applications for 2008 are due by March 1. Projects generally should include involvement by and/or benefit CMC Boulder Group members. Funds may be given to projects sponsored by other organizations if they benefit CMC Boulder Group members. Trails are a priority for the Farley funds, other types of activities are a priority for the conservation fee funds. Funds may be used for materials, revegetation supplies, signs, tools, t-shirts for volunteers, mapping equipment, advertising costs and other such non-personnel costs. Projects receiving matching funds are preferred. The applicant(s) should play a role in organizing the project, including coordinating with any applicable public land agency.

Once the proposals are submitted by March 1st, the Conservation Chair reviews the proposals, finds out from the Treasurer what amount is available to grant, and makes a recommendation to the remainder of the Committee and solicits their comments by e-mail. Then the Conservation Chair writes up the recommendation and brings it to the March Council meeting for Council approval. The Conservation and Trails Committee of the Boulder Group will review all applications, make a recommendation to the Boulder Group CMC Council by mid-March and all applicants will receive a written reply of the decision

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## The 10 Best Ski Huts in the 10th Mtn Division

*Editor's Note: This article appeared in the January issue of the Denver group's newsletter, the Mountaineer. I don't know if this has ever been done before, but the Denver group agreed to share this with us, so I hope you enjoy this delightful and informative article. If you care to see the Mountaineer, it's available online at [cmc.org/denver/info\\_Newsletter.aspx](http://cmc.org/denver/info_Newsletter.aspx)*

These are ALL "go-back-to" huts: one visit is NOT enough!

10. Elkton Cabin: Quaint, cozy, easy ski in, no avy danger, located near Crested Butte. Ski islands of Douglas firs behind this 2-story hut that sleeps 8-10 people.
9. Green-Wilson: Be smart when deciding to access this 6-person hut: you'll cross about 7 large avalanche paths en route. Vast skiing ops above Castle Creek and near Pearl Pass.
8. Polar Star: Summit nearby 12,000'+ New York Mountain and return ready to melt your tired muscles in the sauna, conveniently located just off the kitchen.
7. Margy's: Views, isolation, skiing -- NOT in that order!
6. Sangree M. Froelicher (formerly Belvedere): Leadville area, easy access. Ski to ridge behind the hut for reach-out-and-touch views of Mt. of the Holy Cross and the Sawatch Range. Traverse the ridge to Ski Cooper!
5. Janet's: Union Creek chairlifts at Copper Mountain Ski Area shorten the journey in for lengthier playtime on the snow after hut arrival. Fond memories of

*Continued on page 3, 10 Best Huts*

## Ski School Well Attended

About two dozen students attended each of the two field trips this past December. Excellent snow conditions were had on both days with students bravely facing cold and wind at the second session at Brainard. The range of skill levels was from absolute beginner to intermediate with everyone enthusiastically making considerable progress. Now we hope to see all of the students on the trails and on Boulder Group ski trips reinforcing the lessons learned in the school. Special thanks go out to our volunteer instructors: Jan and Dave Robertson, Bob Kamper, Steve Priem, Gary Neptune, Tom Crosman, Peter Gowan, Bev Gholson, Pete and Sue Birkeland Pat Butler and Bob Olson. □

## New feature: Chairs Report

*Editor's Note: This is a new feature that we (i.e. the Compass editor and the Boulder Council) are trying out, the Chairs Report. These are essentially concise summaries of the significant parts of the Council meetings. While not of direct interest to all members, I hope it will help make the club more transparent, and for those who are interested, how they may potentially contribute.*

### Chairs Report

\* For this January meeting, there are 16 voting Council members and 8 votes are needed for a quorum.

\* From the state database on 1/9/08: Boulder Group has 1182 members, down 2% from 1204 members on 11/19/07. In addition, the Boulder Group has 923 memberships, down 3% from 948 memberships on 11/19/07.

### Marketing Report

\* Kirsten, Susan and Brenda raised \$43 from gift wrapping at REI on 12/21/07. This will be used to fund the business cards. This first time effort was a learning process and can be improved upon for next year.

\* Nickie Kelly has completed the generic and personalized business card drafts and is asking for orders prior to the 2/11/08 Council meeting.

\* Kirsten submitted BMS info to the Keeper Issue of Rocky Mountain Sports.

\* Kirsten submitted AMS lectures to the Daily Camera for their Get Out! section.

\* Susan Flack is submitting entries to the Boulder Magazine's e-newsletter for our schools and membership orientation.

\* Brenda has transferred GPS e-newsletter responsibilities to Gabi Pfister. A change needs to be tested in the email list server to fully complete to transfer.

\* Kirsten is hoping a school director will take on a presentation/talk at the mini clinic session that REI invited us to on Jan. 26.

### Cabins Report

\* Peter Gowen submitted a status memo on the Request for Rental Fee Waiver for Brainard & Arestua Cabins which states that a draft request was delivered to the USFS on 1/8/2008. This was emailed to the Council on 1/3/08.

### Outings Report

\* Progress was made on revising the leadership approval process, and on the Leadership Training. There is more that will need to be done.

## Share Your Photos!

Just a reminder that you can easily share photos of your latest CMC activities on the Boulder Group's website. From [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org), click the menu under 'Group', then 'Share Your Photo', then fill in the form, and click the 'Browse' button to locate the file that you want to upload. Then look for your picture to appear immediately on the main homepage! This is an experimental feature under development, but will hopefully become a popular way for members to share their pictures of CMC activities. □

## New Compass Editor Needed

The search is on for a new editor for the Compass. This could be your chance at an exciting, challenging and stimulating opportunity to learn valuable journalistic skills "on the job" in a position that is central to the information clearinghouse for the Boulder CMC. It is a position rich in potential for someone eager to learn about the CMC in general, and who is in a position to contribute to the Club. That

means the applicant should have some experience with the Club, the responsibility to deliver a monthly newsletter, and a desire to help the Club grow. Some computer skills help. If interested, please send an email to [compass@cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass@cmcboulder.org). □

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*Conservation Apps, from page 1* regarding their application. The amount available varies each year depending on membership fees and existing Farley Funds. Written applications may be mailed to Kristyn Kilfoy, Boulder Group Conservation Chair, at the CMC Clubroom, 633 South Broadway Unit N, Boulder 80305 or via e-mail to [conservation\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:conservation[at]cmcboulder.org) with CMC Conservation Fund Application in the subject line. Feel free to e-mail questions prior to the deadline; more information is also available at <http://www.cmcboulder.org/conservationProcess.html>. □

## Volunteers Needed

### Mailing Party: Feb 21

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the February 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, Feb 21, 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.

# February 2008 Trips & Activities

## New Format for Trips Section

*Based on discussion at the January Council Meeting, the Council approved trying a new abbreviated format for the Trips Section. This was adopted to, hopefully, make the information more relevant and, less importantly, save printing costs. Also, because trips can now be registered by leaders online, the state website is the sole reliable source for currently available trips (which could change between the time the Compass is composed and you receive it). Accordingly, the Trips Section will start with instructions on how to access that. Also, other selected CMC events are included. Please let me know if you have any comments on this new format. I and the Council hope you will find it more useful.*

— the Editor

### To view all CMC Trips online:

- browse to [cmc.org](http://cmc.org)
- login with your CMC member number and password. (If you forget your password, click the 'Forgot Your Password?' link to have it emailed to you. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code. See page 34 of the Activity Schedule; or call the office at (303) 279-3080x2)
- click on 'Trip Signup'
- enter CMC group and date range of interest
- examine the list of trips for description and contact information.

### Friday, February 1

Baldy Bowl, Adv. Ski Tour  
Leader: Ronald Spoerl 303-494-7977  
[rwspoerl@dim.com](mailto:rwspoerl@dim.com) Trip#3742

### Saturday, February 2

Yankee Doodle Lake, Mod. Ski Tour  
Leader: Steve Priem 303-449-0577  
[s.priem@yahoo.com](mailto:s.priem@yahoo.com) Trip#3674

Iceberg Lakes, Adv. Ski Tour  
Black Downhill, Leader: Steve Haymes  
303-444-4765, Trip#3292

### Saturday, February 5

"Training for Expeditions"  
by Gary Neptune

AMS lecture open to the public.  
Boulder CMC Clubroom, 7:00PM

### Sunday, February 3

Coney Flats Ski Tour  
Leader: Patricia Butler 303-440-0586  
[butler@csd.net](mailto:butler@csd.net) Trip#3354

### Thursday, February 7

CMC Member reception: for the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum. 6:30pm. To RSVP for the reception, free to CMC members, go online at [www.cmc.org/museumreception](http://www.cmc.org/museumreception) or call Carla Preston at 303-996-2761.

### Saturday, February 9

East Portal Adv. Ski Tour  
Guinn Mtn Hut  
Leader: Cleve Armstrong 303-427-0845  
[cea80221@aol.com](mailto:cea80221@aol.com) Trip#3677

### Saturday, February 16

Peaceful Valley or Hessian  
Easy II Ski Tour  
Leader: Peter Birkeland 303-442-0304  
[birkelap@colorado.edu](mailto:birkelap@colorado.edu) Trip#3530

Rogers Pass Lake  
Mod. Ski Tour  
Leader: Peter Gowen 303-494-5420  
[PJGowen@comcast.net](mailto:PJGowen@comcast.net) Trip#3492

### Wednesday, February 20

Tonya Riggs & Brad Clement: will discuss their upcoming expedition to Annapurna, "Dare to Dream 2008"  
7:00 p.m. AMC.

### Saturday, February 23

Mammoth Gulch to Nebraska Hill  
Mod. III Ski Tour  
Leader: Steve Priem 303-449-0577  
[s.priem@yahoo.com](mailto:s.priem@yahoo.com) Trip#3675

Big Thompson Canyon  
Top Roping 5.6 - 5.10  
Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048  
[gsch@frii.net](mailto:gsch@frii.net) Trip#4069

### Saturday, February 23 – 24

Brainard Cabin Special Overnight Ski Hut Trip, Leader, Peter Gowen 303-494-5420. [PJGowen@comcast.net](mailto:PJGowen@comcast.net)

Trip#4043

### Wednesday, February 27 – 28

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL  
Ticket Price: \$15.00  
Location: Boulder Theater  
[bouldertheater.com](http://bouldertheater.com)

### Thursday, February 28

Author Mark Scott-Nash discusses "Playing for Real" his book about Rocky Mountain Rescue, at the AMC in Golden, 7pm. Free.

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*10 Best Huts, from page 1*  
spoons to all, then dipping into a group bowl of whipped topping over Jell-O shooters! yum..

4. Jackal: Located above Camp Hale where WWII Tenth Mountain Division troops trained. First hut trip in 1990: skiing on Karhu XCD-GT skis around the hut under a full moon sky.

3. Francie's: Located south of Breckenridge and nestled near treeline in a bowl surrounded by high peaks, this hut is easy access for all levels of BC snow enthusiasts. Excellent first hut trip for Cross Country Ski School students!

2. Eiseman: Diverse 7-mile "day trip" in (and out), so stay at least 2 nights! Fill one day with skiing endless, challenging terrain. Hut nicely accommodated 15 gals doing morning yoga while waiting for spring snow conditions to warm up! And the number 1 best backcountry hut in Colorado....

1. Shrine Mountain Inn: Possibly the most popular 3-cabin trio: Jay's, Chuck's, Walter, all perched in stands of trees above Shrine Pass. Running water, flushing toilets, showers, plenty of skiing ops but watch for snowmobilers (only drawback). Open in summer for lunch/dinner. Vail Pass access. These huts are great for anyone and everyone!

For more Colorado huts info, visit [www.huts.org](http://www.huts.org). Educate and prepare yourself on safe backcountry snow travel before venturing out.

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— Marilyn Choske & Ginger Ellis

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If you wish to sign up for the e-Compass, and save the Boulder Group the cost of mailing it to you (and save on paper), browse to [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org), then select Publications / Compass / E-Compass from the menu. You can also use this page to unsubscribe from the e-Compass, and resume receiving the mailed issue.

Admittedly, this is a cumbersome procedure which we are trying to simplify this year. When that happens, it will be announced in the Compass. □

## 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](http://www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html). Send email to [clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org) with any questions. □

## Don't Forget Your Discount!

Did you know you can get a discount on buying gear with your CMC membership? The following discounts are available at Neptune Mountaineering: 10 per cent for all CMC members, 15 per cent for instructors, 20 per cent one time discount for every trip led by trip leaders.

### *Editor's Note, from page 1*

first is the inclusion of a story from the Denver Group's newsletter, The Mountaineer. I will be monitoring it and other events of the Denver Group that could be of interest to Boulder members. There are many more activities associated with them, given their greater numbers; these

are easily seen online at [cmc.org/denver/index.aspx](http://cmc.org/denver/index.aspx).

Finally, I would call your attention to the call for a new Editor on page two. It has come time for me to move on to other goals in my life for which I need to make the time, so I gave the Boulder Council my six month's notice; I won't be leaving them in the lurch! As always, your comments are solicited.

— the Editor



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