Note from the Editor

What a month! The CMC gets bustling with activity this time of the year. Perhaps the highlight for the Club’s Council members were the surprise visits from both the new executive director, Katie Blackett, and her husband, Matt Schneider, surprising the Council members by coming to our June meeting. (see photo below) A full interview with Katie appears in this month’s Trail & Timberline, so please look there for her first interview for the Club. The Council welcomed Katie and Matt, who are Boulder Group members, and wished her a fulfilling and successful term with the Club. Another surprise visitor (though he is a Council member) was Kent Groninger, recently returned from Mt Everest. Kent related his experiences of his second trip there, including having traversed the Khumbu Icefall over a dozen times, which he considers more dangerous now due to global warming.

——— submitted by Jill Yarger, Instructor Development Director

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A Gal’s Place Is — Rapping in Canyon Country

Standing at a canyon lip in the Utah desert, wearing a wet suit, neoprene sticky rubber shoes, and a harness — this is how this CMC gal plays in the seasons between ski and rock seasons.

On Wednesday, July 9th, at 7 pm, come see pictures and hear tales (mostly true) from a novice canyoneer and amateur photographer challenging herself by tagging along with CMC guys and learning the ropes of canyoneering. The slide show will have my pictures from Escalate, Robbers Roost, Bryce, and best of all—Zion. Bring snacks and drinks to share if you want, and “network” afterwards with all the CMC mountaineering chix.

——— submitted by Jill Yarger, Instructor Development Director

June Council meeting with guests (left to right) Susan Flack, Tom Wilson, Chris Klotz, Nickie Kelly, Gary Schmidt, Matt Schneider, Katie Blackett, Cindy Gagnon, Gail Blandford, Kent Groninger (on floor), Sheila Delamere, Peter Gowan, Otto Verdoner, Brenda Leach, Kent Crites
Chair’s Report

The following are the highlights of activities in the Boulder Group over the last month:

• Katie Blackett, the CMC’s new Executive Director, and her husband, Matt Schneider, attended our June Council meeting. Since they’re Boulderites, they joined the Boulder Group. Katie shared with us her vision of bringing the statewide CMC groups together. Welcome Katie and Matt!

• Nickie Kelly and Susan Flack have restarted our Monthly Programs with a thoroughly entertaining presentation by Ben Gorelick of the Patagonian Mountaineering School. Stay tuned as they have several other interesting programs lined up.

• If you’re a Boulder Group trip leader, you may have already been contacted by a member of the Council or Outings Committee to verify your trip leader status. We’re in the process of centralizing our trip leader lists for better maintenance and upkeep. Thanks to all of our trip leaders for your volunteer efforts!

• Donna Marino and the Leadership Seminar team have continued to make progress on implementing part of the seminar as online training.

• In early June, partly due to the recent membership renewal efforts, the number of Boulder Group members topped 1200. Welcome to all new and renewing members!

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Leach
Boulder Group Chair

CMC’ers on Everest Return

This season saw several Boulder CMC members on Everest, as far as this editor is aware, must have been a record for the number of Boulder CMC members on the world’s highest peak. As mentioned before, Val Hovland and Monty Smith (not a CMC member, who’s married and lives in Seattle), were together on an expedition guided by International Mountain Guides. Val summited on May 24th but unfortunately Monty suffered from some lung problems which prevented him from attempting the summit. For those interested readers, Val provided a vivid narrative of her summit experience on her Internet blog at monty-val-everest.blogspot.com. Val returned to Boulder Monday, June 9th, when some loyal friends greeted her at DIA. On a separate expedition, Brad Clement, fiance to Tonya Riggs, past BCMC Council chair, summited as well, serving as the cinematographer on the first Vietnamese team to summit Everest. Finally, Kent Groninger, a current CMC state board member, achieved one of the advanced climbing camps before deciding he had to descend. Kent was attempting to set the record to be the oldest American to summit and made a mighty good effort. We’re glad that everyone came back safe!

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a New Marketing Committee Chair!

How would you like to help grow and maintain the Boulder Group membership by managing and directing the marketing activities in the group? This is an important volunteer position and is a great way to meet some really exceptional folks! You’ll work with other volunteers in the Marketing Committee such as the Assistant Marketing Chair, Monthly Program Director and Membership Orientation Director. You’ll be a member of the Boulder Group Council. And, you’ll make contacts outside of the CMC. Many thanks to Kirsten Kindt for her contributions as the past Marketing Committee Chair. If you’re interested, please contact Brenda Leach at chair@cmcboulder.org or Rick Casey at compass@cmcboulder.org.

Cabins Committee Chair Needed

The search is on for a volunteer to head up the Cabins Committee, which maintains the crown jewel of the Club’s assets, the Brainard Lake Cabin. After many years of vaunted service, Otto Verdoner has decided it is time for him to relinquish this cherished role. While there are several volunteers on the Cabins Committee filling necessary duties in the interim, a new chair of the committee is still needed. Available time, ability to delegate responsibility and leadership ability are the qualities needed in the potential candidate more than experience with the cabin per se. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please send email to cabins@cmcboulder.org.

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. Applicants should have some experience with the Club, the responsibility to deliver a monthly newsletter, and a desire to help the Club grow; some computer acumen helpful. If interested, please send an email to compass@cmcboulder.org.

Mailing Party: July 24

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 24, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.
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Leader: Donald J Kava  303-494-2632  kava@bcn.boulder.co.us  Trip#5676

Monday, July 28
Calypso II Climb
After work climb 5.6
Climb this classic two pitch climb on the Wind Tower in Eldo. Meet at 3:30 p.m.
Boulder  Leader: Gary Schmidt  970-481-1048  gsch@frii.net  Trip#5176

Wednesday, July 30
Afterwork Social Hike Easy A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call—just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (Behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:100 Drive Distance:1 Topo Map(s): Boulder, Eldorado Springs
Leader: Karen L Baldwin  303-420-8162  karenlbaldwin@hotmail.com  Trip#5677

New website feature: CMC Partner Finder email list
An email list has been added to the Boulder Group website (cmcboulder.org), under Group/Partner Finder. There you can subscribe to the list, and once approved by the moderator, begin receiving any email posted by other registered users. The purpose of the list is to find other CMC members for unsponsored trips on short notice (unsponsored means there’s no CMC trip leader). You can also view the entire list of registered users. Since your access is protected by a password you create, and all registered users should be current CMC members, there should no spam and you can unsubscribe yourself at any time. This is an experiment by the Boulder Group that the Council authorized. Please enjoy and use appropriately. For any comments or feedback, please email partners-admin@cmcboulder.org.

#2 of Top Ten Classic Climbs: The Maiden
The second climb on Ten Flatiron Classics series was the Maiden, and it went off without a hitch on Saturday, June 7. Trip leader Tonya Riggs was ably assisted by co-leaders Ted Handwerk and Tom Wilson. I was lucky to be part of the climb and had a blast. For information on the Top Ten series, see the May issue of the Compass. Most of these are in a moderate range and quite accessible to many climbers.

Notes from the Editor

New Subscription Notices
As part of a membership retention effort, a new policy was recently adopted by the Club. Sixty days before someone’s membership expires, the state will send you an email reminding you to renew. If by 30 days prior to your membership renewal date, and you still haven’t renewed, they will send you a second email. After that, the state will mail you a single letter with renewal information. There has been anecdotal evidence of improved membership renewal already, saving postage costs.

e-Compass Subscription To Change
Changes are in store for how members subscribe to the e-Compass, the emailed version of the Compass. As currently implemented, members subscribe or unsubscribe via the Boulder Group website (cmcboulder.org), and the mailing of the Compass was supposed to stop or start accordingly. However, this was technically prone to error, because this process required communication between the Boulder website and the state website (cmc.org). (And, believe me, I heard about a lot of those errors!) It was decided to move this function to the state website to reduce these errors. Once implemented, this will be done via the Personal Data page on the state website. Look for an announcement in the Compass and GPS when this has been implemented.

On the Maiden summit (left to right, front to back) Rick Casey, Ted Handwerk, Tonya Riggs, Tom Wilson, Keith Matney, Liz Peña, Darin Carlson

— contributed by the Editor
July 2008 Trips & Activities

Editor’s Note: The following is the list of BCMC trips for the coming month, and other selected events, as of press time; however, it is possible that trips could be posted online since then. To see club policies regarding trips and how to become a trip leader; see cmcboulder.org/Trips. To view trips online and register:

► Browse to 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’ in left margin
► Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc.) & clicked Search
► Examine the list for trips of interest.
► To register, click Register
► For Boulder trips, you must contact the leader by phone (preferred) or email; for Denver trips, you may register online.

Wednesday, July 2

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call—just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (Behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#5395

Friday, July 4 – July 6

Brainard Area Hiking Moderate B
Cabin Sleepover On Trail Wildflower
For this weekend long Wildflower excursion we will make our base “;camp”; the Boulder Group’s Brainard Cabin. One day we will hike to Lake Isabell and the next day to Blue Lake.$12 per night per person to stay plus Park Ent. Fee. Boulder Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:2000 Drive Distance:100 Topo Map(s):Ward Leader:Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com Trip#5623

Saturday, July 5

Fatiron I Climb East Face 5.4
*Top Ten Classic*
This unique 1000-foot climb at the south end of the Flatirons includes a variety of climbing challenges. Climbers are rewarded with a rare view of the top of the Maiden. Boulder Leader: Tom Wilson 303-247-1450 ams@cmcboulder.org Trip#5634

Wednesday, July 9

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call—just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (Behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:100 Drive Distance:1 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#5673

Afterwork Social Hike Moderate A
On Trail Casual pace
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call—just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (Behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Mileage: 4-6 Elevation Gain: 100-1000 Drive Distance: 1-10 Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:100 Drive Distance:1 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader: Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com Trip#5674

Thursday, July 10

2nd Flatiron Freeway Rock Climb
Scrambling, Unroped. Must have previous scrambling exp. After work climb. Limit 2 Boulder Leader: Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com Trip#5716

Whistlestop (after work climb) III Climb 5.9-
Climb this steep and exciting pitch (according to the guide book) in Eldorado Canyon but actually maybe a little soft for the grade. A very fun face climb. Rap from the two bolt anchor. If time and inclination allows we may also try the neighboring and somewhat more challenging “Flakes”; climb. Boulder Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#5714

Saturday, July 12

Woodland Lake Moderate B
On Trail Casual pace
From Hessie TH, hike to Woodland Lake. We will leave the Table Mesa Shopping Center parking lot early to get a parking spot. Boulder Trail Mileage:11 Elevation Gain:2100 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):East Portal, Nederland Leader: Donald J Kava 303-494-2632 Kava@bcn.boulder.co.us Trip#6090

Flattop Mtn. 12,324’ Moderate C
Hallett Pk. 12,713’
From Bear Lake Trailhead, hike up the trail to Flattop. Travel E and scramble 400’ to the summit of Hallett while hundreds of tourists take pictures of the peak from below. Descend the same way. Boulder Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:3200 Drive Distance:90 Topo Map(s):McHenry’s Pk Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Nickie Kelly 303-579-9629 kelly1080@comcast.net Trip#5739

Cob Rock, III Climb, 5.8
Cob Rock possesses a fine collection of short moderate climbs in Boulder Canyon. Spend a day here, across the creek up, doing as many of the thirteen 5.7-5.8 pitches as time permits. Boulder Leader: Brenda Leach 303-525-3660

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brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#5131

Saturday, July 12 – July 14

Indian Peaks Backpack and Scramble (new date) Moderate
Saturday, back pack up to base of S Arapahoe and camp, Sunday scramble the Mt Neva ridge loop-return to camp, Sunday scramble the South-North Arapahoe traverse, and pack out. Expect off trail, scrambling, scree, route-finding, exposure. Recommend grippy shoes. Must be experienced backpacking, good with exposure, BRS recommended. Boulder Trail Mileage:17 Elevation Gain:6000 Drive Distance:80 Leader: Jill Yarger 303-541-9481 jill.yarger@prodigy.net Trip#6200

Sunday, July 13

Bob, Betty and Woodland Lakes Loop Easy C, Off Trail
Hike through abundant wildflowers to Betty and Bob Lakes at treeline. Climb the ridge and then descend to Sky scraper Reservoir. Continue out passed Woodland Lake and several waterfalls. Register with leader between 9 AM and 9 PM only. Boulder Trail Mileage:13 Elevation Gain:2800 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):East Portal, Nederland Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#5349

Wednesday, July 16

Afterwork Social Hike, Easy A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (Behind Neptune Mountaineering and above the video store at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Trail Leader: Donald J Kava 303-494-2632 kava@ bcn.boulder.co.us Trip#5675

Jasper Lake & Storm Lake
Upper Storm Lake, 11,960’ Moderate pace, Scrambling
From Hessie, ascend trail to Jasper Lake. Bushwhack, cross country, and rock scramble up flower-covered alpine valley to the two upper lakes. Boulder Trail Mileage:13 Elevation Gain:2900 Drive Distance:100 Topo Map(s):East Portal, Nederland Leader:Ellen Flannelly 303-440-0130 e.flannelly@comcast.net Trip#5649

Friday, July 18 – July 19

Belford (14197) and Oxford (14153) Moderate D, Off Trail
Moderate pace
Climb these 2 14’ers by the standard route in Gerry Roach’s book. We will hike up Missouri Gulch and then Belford’s west ridge to the summit. From there we will descend to the saddle and then climb the west ridge of Oxford. We will meet Friday afternoon and drive to V Vickburg and car camp. Those who do not want to car camp may meet us at the Missouri Gulch trailhead on Saturday at 6am. Phillip Congdon 303-926-1408. Co-lead Nickie Kelly 303-579-9629. Boulder Trail Mileage:11 Elevation Gain:5900 Topo Map(s):Mt Harvard, Winfield Leader:Phillip Congdon 303-926-1408 pcfirefly@gmail.com Nickie Kelly 303-579-9629 kelly1080@comcast.net Trip#5711

Friday, July 18 – July 20

Backpacking School, Field Trip
On Trail, Moderate pace
This is the two-night field trip of the Backpacking School. For info see the 6/10 Backpacking School lecture entry in this catalog and http://www.cmeboulder.org/bms/index.html Boulder Trail Mileage:7 Elevation Gain:2000 Drive Distance:60 Leader:Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmeboulder.org Trip#4912

Saturday, July 19

Coney Lake Moderate B
Photo Hike Moderate pace
From Beaver Res. hike up the jeep trail to Coney Flats. From the flats head up Coney Creek to Coney Lake with possible addition 2 mi round trip to Upper Coney Lake. Dramatic views of Sawtooth Mountain. This is a photo hike. Early start with hopes to arrive at Coney Flats at sunrise, so we can capture that magical golden hour. Headlamps required. Moderate pace to Coney Flats casual there after. Boulder Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:1390 Topo Map(s):Allens Park Leader:Tom Crosman 720-494-1732 tom@koreman.org Trip#4961

First Flatiron II Climb
East Face Center 5.6
*Top Ten Classic*
This 13-pitch climb is one of the longest in the Flatirons, and one of the most Classic. It starts at the low point of the immense First Flatiron and ascends the entire face and ridge to the summit. Boulder Leader:Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#5637

Tonnere Tower III Climb
Boulder Canyon
Explore a very newly developed climbing area in Boulder Canyon. Great sport, mixed and trad multi-pitch climbing. Boulder Leader:Ron Olsen 303-928-9153 ronolsen@comcast.net Trip#5682

Sunday, July 20

Diamond Lake Easy B
Enjoy a wonderfully scenic hike with streams, views of waterfalls and usually plenty of flowers to a high mountain lake. Boulder Trail Mileage:4 Elevation Gain:951 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Nederland Leader:Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572 dtewell@worldnet.att.net Trip#5697

Wednesday, July 23

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A
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Reserve 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. Please first read our clubroom usage policy at www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html. Send email to clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org with any questions.

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items for free (you must pay return postage). This is one of the best collections of library materials on mountaineering on the planet, and they are constantly improving it. Many items can be requested online, including VHS movies and DVD’s. Check it out at www.americanalpineclub.org.

From the website...

These are a few random pictures recently uploaded by members to the website — please consider contributing your own!

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