Welcome Holly Freeman: New Treasurer

Holly at a friend's garden

The Council approved Holly Freeman at the September meeting as the new Boulder Group Treasurer, starting October 1. She will be taking over from Gail Blandford and many thanks to Gail for all of her contributions over the last year. Holly and her husband Tom moved to Lafayette in August 2007. Since 1992, they had been visiting their son and his family in Lafayette. They had done many hikes in the front range during those visits and I had fallen in love with the area. Tom’s a “HighPointer” and has done the highest points in almost all of the states, including Alaska! Holly likes to hike once or twice a week. They’re both long-time members of the Appalachian Mountain Club and joining the CMC was at the top of their to-do list when they moved to Colorado. Holly’s background is in education, but she had her own research business for several years and acquired a solid knowledge of bookkeeping. Holly’s looking forward to making whatever contribution she can to the CMC and to working with the great group of people on the Council. Please welcome Holly as the new Treasurer!  

Welcome Thomas Rockwood: New Marketing Committee Chair

The Council approved Thomas Rockwood at the September meeting as the new Boulder Group Marketing Committee Chair. Thomas moved to Colorado about 6 years ago. He and his wife Sarah joined the CMC in 2006. Thomas grew up around Seattle, WA and starting rock and peak climbing in his teens, including leading trips for his church camp. Thomas is currently the Marketing Manager for a company called Nelnet. He is also working on his MBA in marketing at Regis. We look forward to having Thomas on the Boulder Group Council. Please welcome Thomas and send your marketing thoughts to marketing@cmcboulder.org.  

Welcome Chris Klotz: New Conservation Chair

The Council approved Chris Klotz at the September meeting as the new Boulder Group Conservation Committee Chair. Chris has been a CMC member for 10 years and is currently an At Large Council Member. She is an assistant instructor in BMS. Chris believes the CMC’s role in the community is “to allow everyone regardless of age or ability to achieve their mountaineering objectives in a safe and fun manner. To encourage everyone to open their minds and hearts to respon-
Chair’s Report

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

Congratulations to Rick Casey and Terry Hardie for their recent approval as Boulder Group trip leaders! Rick, our Compass Editor, has become a Group II (5.6 & 5.7) rock leader. Terry, who has been a member since 1981, has become an A/B hike leader. We look forward to your trips! If you’re interested in becoming a trip leader, check out the website at www.cmcboulder.org/trips/#TripLeaders.

We’re getting closer to signing a new lease with the US Forest Service for the Brainard and Arestua Cabins thanks to the hard work of our resident attorney, Peter Gowen.

Gabi Pfister has been busy coordinating the Annual Dinner to be held on November 1 at the Avalon in Boulder. Dick Munro and Nickie Kelly have been putting together the slate of Council Officers to be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at the Annual Dinner.

Efforts have started recently to improve communication among the several CMC groups and to standardize some activities at a state level. One example is the creation of a state-wide leadership training program. Katie Blackett, the CMC Executive Director, and Brenda Porter, the state Education Director, are leading this task.

I led another fun rock climbing trip in September to Bitty Buttress up Boulder Canyon, a 3-pitch 5.8+ traditional climb. Chris Grosshans was my co-leader. He led a line with Meredith Michalski, a new and always positive Boulder Group member. I led a line with Rene Payne, a new Denver Group member who used to be the President of the Texas Mountaineers.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Leach
Boulder Group Chair

Volunteers Needed

BMS Instructors Needed

The Boulder Mountaineering Schools are seeking instructors to help with upcoming winter courses in ice climbing, ski instruction and winter camping and mountaineering. See the website for course dates. If you’re interested in teaching any of these clinics as a senior or assistant instructor, please send email to bms@cmcboulder.org or call the Clubroom to leave your contact information: 303-554-7688.

Web Designer Needed

Although our new webmaster is doing a great job of supporting the website, we still need a good graphics designer who can help us improve the presentation and navigation of the website. If you have the time and the skills, please send an email to webmaster@cmcboulder.org. Your services will greatly appreciated, and rewards will be worth more than money!

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

You may not believe it, but the search is still on for a new editor for the Compass. For myself, I am amazed this position has stayed open for this long, because it really is a lot of fun and reward, once you get used to it. Again, I guarantee that the volunteer will be well mentored and well supported to learn the ropes. It’s a chance to learn Adobe InDesign, practice your writing skills and learn more about the CMC than you could ever wish to know! So don’t hesitate: send an email today to compass@cmcboulder.org. You’ll be glad you did!

Mailing Party: October 23

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the November 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, October 23, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

Welcome Chris, continued from page 1

sible resource use, maintenance and con-
ervation to allow humans and wildlife to
coexist for the good and betterment of our stunning Colorado resource.”

Anne Fiore, former BMS Director, has volunteered to help Chris with conservation efforts. Please welcome Chris and Anne and send your conservation ideas to conservation@cmcboulder.org.
Cross-Country Ski Clinic Coming

Mark your calendars for the annual cross-country ski school this winter – classroom seminar is Tuesday, December 2 with field trips on Saturdays December 6 and 13. More details to appear in the November Compass.

New Used Ski & Snowboard Equipment Recycle Program

Colorado Ski and Golf and Boulder Ski Deals have joined SnowSports Industries America (SIA) to launch the first ski/snowboard recycling program in the United States, to help cut energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gases and reduce landfill waste. You can bring in your outdated skis (alpine and Nordic), snowboards, boots, bindings, poles, and helmets to any of these five locations:

- Ski & Golf stores at:
  - 2650 S. Havana, Aurora
  - 7715 Wadsworth, Arvada
  - 8100 W. Crestline, Littleton
  - 2454 Montebello Square Drive, Colorado Springs

- Boulder Ski Deal store at:
  - 2525 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder

There is no charge for bringing in used equipment and no purchase is necessary. A receipt for tax purposes will be provided. The program has also started an optional $5 contribution for new adult skis or snowboard purchases, and $3 contribution for new adult boots to help fund its operation. Equipment in good condition will be donated to charitable domestic programs. Equipment that cannot be salvaged will be shredded and used in a variety of new products like composite decking, flooring, and furniture. This information is also available at these stores’ websites: www.boulderskideals.com and www.coloradoskiandgolf.com. For more information, please contact Mary Wiener at 303-270-0395 or mwiener@ssv.net.

— from Mary Weiner, ECO Manager, Specialty Sports Ventures

Leadership Seminar

Interested in becoming a trip leader? The Boulder Group is sponsoring a leadership seminar to provide you with the knowledge and skills to help you become a CMC trip leader. Seminar topics include how to become a trip leader, the logistics of trip leading and leadership skills such as communication and group dynamics. The seminar is schedule for Oct 28 & Oct 30 6:30-9:30pm at the Boulder Clubroom. The seminar is free and open to all CMC members. Please send an email to bms@cmcboulder.org to sign up for this free seminar.

Boulder Group Winter 2008-09 Schools

Looking for something new to try this winter? The Boulder Group is offering schools and clinics to introduce you to fun ways to enjoy the Colorado winters, whether it’s on snow, ice or glaciers. This winters program includes beginner ski clinics such as Cross Country Skiing and Area Telemark to more advanced skiing including Tele/AT Backcountry Skiing and Ski Mountaineering. Interested in winter mountaineering? Then try out the beginner Ice Clinic or Winter Camping Clinic. And for those of you more experienced, check out the Advanced Mountaineering School. We are also offering an Avalanche Level 1 Certification course.

In person signup will be held Nov 3 at 7 pm, where an overview each of these schools; this is the first night of sign up; attendance is limited to maintain proper student-to-instructor ratio. Because AMS is an advanced school and requires participants to have some experience, AMS candidates must fill out a skills questionnaire for review prior to acceptance in the school. The AMS application is available on line and must be returned no later than Nov 10. For more information on all the school and clinics, check out the website at www.cmcboulder.org/bms. Note that Advanced Mountaineering School is by application only and sign-ups begin now. Don’t delay! Download your application from the website today.

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Call For Annual Dinner Photographs!

You are planning on coming to the Boulder Group’s Annual Dinner, aren’t you? If not, then please see page 4 where there is a full page description of why you have to be there! This has been a great success in the new potluck format the past two years, and it just keeps getting better and better. One of the features of the evening will be an on-going slideshow of pictures taken by you CMC members. If you would like to share those great photographs you took this year with us, please go to the Boulder Group website (cmcboulder.org) and follow the link on the homepage. Thanks!

Buchanan Pass trail and Longs Peak from the East Ridge of Sawtooth, a member-submitted photo from the Boulder CMC website, cmcboulder.org
October 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) & click 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.

Thursday, October 2

Boulder Direct in Eldo
Rock Climb 5.5
Climb the boulder on Wind Tower for 2 pitches and 2 rappels to get off. Boulder Leader: Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com Trip#6488

Tuesday, October 7

Hiking 2 Lecture
Navigation & Route Finding
Lecture #3
Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, clothing, and trip planning. Prequisites are Hiking 1. Lectures: 9/23, 9/30, 10.7. Field Trip: 10/11 or 10/12. Sign ups begin at Aug 14 Fall Schools signup. Boulder Leader: Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#6147

Wednesday, October 8

The Alpinist Film Festival
Boulder Theater $12 ($15 day of show)
This will bring some excellent films that “celebrate the adventure lifestyle across disciplines and generations.” from the publishers of perhaps the best climbing magazine in the world today, The Alpinist. See www.bouldertheater.com and alpinist.com for more info.

Friday, October 10

Top Roping Boulder Slips 5.8
Top rope some nice sport climbs on this newly developed area in Boulder canyon. Boulder Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#6247

Saturday, October 11

West Ridge Sampler
Area Climb, 5.8
Eldorado Canyon 5.7-5.9 Routes.
‘Dandy Line’ (5.7), ‘Mescaline’ (5.8), ‘Sister Morphine’ (5.9), ‘Pony Express’ - 1st pitch (5.9). We will do some or all of these and more as time and inclination allow. Boulder Leader: Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#6249

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#6351

Saturday, October 11 – October 12

Hiking 2 Field Trip
Navigation & Route Finding
Learning to find your way with a topo map and compass is a fundamental skill to safely enjoying the outdoors. This course covers navigation, route-finding problems, navigating in adverse conditions, weather, clothing, and trip planning. Prequisites are Hiking 1. Lectures: 9/23, 9/30, 10.7. Field Trip: 10/11 or 10/12. Fall Schools signup. Boulder Leader: Samuel Levis 303-665-1310 bhs@cmcboulder.org Trip#6148

Sunday, October 12

3rd Flatiron, Rock Climb, 5.2
Climb probably one of the most classic routes in Boulder, the east face of the 3rd Flatiron. Eight pitches of fun. Expect a long day. Boulder Leader: Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com Trip#6490

Tuesday, October 14

CMC Members’ Photo Show
At the AMC in Golden. For more info and to enter your photo, download an application from www.cmc.org/photoshow. Part of the CMC Mountain Fest.

Saturday, October 18

Brainard Lake Cabin
User and Day Host Training
Become a qualified user of the cabin or even a qualified Day Host. Sign Up: send e-mail to cabins@cmcboulder.org Boulder Leader: Otto Verdoner 303-443-9883 ottov@csd.net Trip#6545

CMC Mountain Fest
All day and evening event at the AMC in Golden, 11am-9pm. Cost: $65 ($75 nonmembers). Optional pricing for just dinner and talk by Erik Weihenmayer, $50 ($60 nonmembers). Many clinics and activities, for details see www.cmc.org/mtfest.

Mollie Shatek takes care of business on West Chimney, Green Mountain Pinnacle. This outing was part of CMC’s celebration of the Top Ten Flatirons Classic Climbs listed in Gerry Roach’s Flatirons guidebook.
Colorado Mountain Club - Boulder Group

Annual Dinner, Meeting & Party!

Featuring a special presentation by Jim Erickson

Jim Erickson first climbed in Eldorado Canyon in 1967. He soon had done most of the existing free climbs, and then began first ascents and first free ascents. Over the next 7 years he became the leading local pioneer of new free climbs concentrated in Eldorado Canyon. His most famous local climb was the 1971, first free ascent of the Naked Edge. In 1971, for environmental reasons, he and Duncan Ferguson became the first climbers in the US to climb exclusively with nuts for protection. Jim is famous for the very pure style of virtually all of his first ascents: no falls or lowering off protection, and no chalk.

Saturday, November 1, 2008

at the
Avalon Ballroom
6185 Arapahoe Road, Boulder

Admission: $10
Food: Potluck, BYOB

Guests Welcome!

Evening Schedule
5:00 pm: Social Hour
6:00 pm: Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm: Annual Meeting
7:30 pm: Presentation by Jim Erickson
8:30 pm: Prizes
8:45 pm: Socializing

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Book Review: The Colorado Mountain Club


So far as I know, this is the most comprehensive recording of the Colorado Mountain Club’s history. (A shorter book, The Front Rangers: A History of the Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain Club by Jan Robertson (published in 1971 by The Colorado Mountain Club) is obviously narrower in scope and will reviewed in a future Compass issue.) It is now out of print but is available on amazon.com for just $5.95 new. It is also in the Boulder Clubroom library for checkout. The author captures the early history of the Club wonderfully, using many photographs and quotations from reports, stories and conversations. Much of the language will sound quaint today, but this is part of the book’s charm. While somewhat lofty and laudatory in tone (“Those founders did, however, have vision. They expected to take legions of people into the mountains, to help neophytes become mountain people who learned about and loved the high country.” from the Introduction), the author does make some bolder assertions on the nature of the organization which stand the test of time: “Good leaders make good trips; good leaders form the backbone of the Colorado Mountain Club.” (p. 119) This little tome is certainly well researched and well documented, where you can learn little gems of trivia like the first lady to climb all the Fourteeners, how the various CMC schools got their start, and how Mrs. Mayfield, in 1948, “lost her husband to the CMC.”

— by Rick Casey

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