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Note from the Editor

As autumn deepens, our CMC activities begin to shift gears: thoughts turn to skiing, snowshoeing, ice climbing, or brisk hikes under sparkling skies...
And what better way to bridge the transition than renewing your CMC acquaintances at the Boulder Group Annual Dinner. See details on page 3 and send in your reservation today! We will have slides of member-submitted pictures, a special presentation on an upcoming Best of Boulder Hikes book and a memorable talk from climbing legend Jim Erickson. Hope to see you there!

Election of Officers and Council Members at the Annual Dinner

At the Boulder Group’s Annual Dinner on November 1, next year’s Officers and Council members will be elected. As per the Boulder Group’s Bylaws: “Officers and Council members shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting. Prior to the annual meeting the Chair shall appoint a committee consisting of three or more members to nominate candidates. Any member of the organization may make nominations from the floor, and such nominations shall be considered equally by those read by the committee.” The following Boulder Group members have been nominated:

Chairperson: Dick Munro
Vice-Chairperson: John Fernandez
Secretary: Deb Tewell
Treasurer: Holly Freeman
Member at Large: Sam Levis

For a profile of some of the candidates, see http://www.cmcboulder.org/biography/biography.php. See you at the dinner!

Trip Leader Appreciation Party!
by Gary Schmidt, Outings Chair

We know that all you trip leaders are the backbone of the success of our club. Hard to imagine a club with no trips isn’t it! We also know there is no real way to completely repay all of you incredible volunteers but want you to know how much you are appreci-
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BCMC Member Helps State Conservation Agreement
by Peter Gowen, Boulder Council and State Board Member

Editor’s Note: The following article describes Peter Gowen’s efforts to contribute to a recent important conservation meeting. The Boulder Council is proud to have Peter representing us on the CMC State Board.

From October 6, 2008 through October 8, 2008, I attended a statewide Conservation Summit at the request of and on behalf of the Colorado Mountain Club. I represented the CMC State Board, while the staff was represented by Katie Blacket, Executive Director; Clare Bastable, Conservation Director; and Bryan Martin, Assistant Conservation Director.

The purpose of the Summit was to develop a fifty-year strategic plan for statewide wildlife conservation. Participating organizations included nearly all federal and state agencies that deal with wildlife resources in one manner or another, numerous local government entities with open space or parks management responsibilities, sportsman’s organizations, non-profit environmental and conservation organizations, agricultural interest groups, recreation groups, and for-profit corporations with fish and wildlife interests.

The Summit featured talks by the Colorado Governor and Lt. Governor, (CO) Department of Natural Resources Director, (CO) Division of Wildlife Director, regional directors of the following
Chair’s Report
The following are the highlights of activities in the Boulder Group over the last month:

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Boulder Group’s Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 1! See the flyer in the Compass or go to www.cmcboulder.org/CMC_08flyer.pdf. Many thanks to Gabi Pfister and the members of the Annual Dinner Committee for all of the work they’ve put into the event.

Congratulations to Boulder Group Council member Nickie Kelly for becoming a new C/D 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.

Great progress has been made by Jim Groh and his team of writers on the soon-to-be-published Best of Boulder Hikes book. All of the material has been submitted to the editor. We look forward to the finished product!

Chris Klotz, the Boulder Group’s new Conservation Chair, and Anne Fiore who is assisting her have been keeping in touch with conservation-related activities around the Boulder County area. Stay tuned if you’re interested in helping out with conservation efforts.

We’re getting closer and 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. The current 10-year lease expires at the end of 2008.

As I’m writing this column, the State Council meeting is a few days away, on October 18. I will represent the Boulder Group and we will be voting on 5 new state Board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Leach
Boulder Group Chair

Volunteers Needed
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 3 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!

Vote to Save Wilson Peak!
The Colorado Mountain Club has been selected as a finalist in the national “Save the Trails” funding program, made possible by the generous efforts of Nature Valley and American Hiking Society’s National Trails Fund. Adding to this honor is the fact that we were selected from a competitive pool of 160 nonprofit applicants from across the nation. From October 1-31, you may learn about our project to restore legal public access to Wilson Peak and vote for us online at: http://www.wheresyours.com/SaveTheTrailsVote.aspx. The top 10 finalists with the most online votes will each receive $5,000 in funding, so your vote will help us to get one step further to restoring legal public access to Wilson Peak near Telluride. This money will help us to complete much needed trail reconstruction on the mountain during summer 2009. Please encourage other hiking and outdoor enthusiasts to vote for us. We hope to give a great gift to our community by providing legal public access to Wilson Peak – a gift that will only be possible with your vote of support.

Tip from the Conservation Committee
If you want to check on trail closures in Boulder County, the best place is to do so is the Open Space webpage at www.bouldercounty.org/openspace. There you’ll find the latest on newly opened trails or current closures. For example, you can find out about the new Heil Valley mountain bike trail, parking issues at the Hessie Trailhead, maps of all parks and trails, and more.

— based on information from Chris Klotz and Anne Fiore, Conservation Committee

New Compass Editor Needed
The search for a new editor continues. Based on a couple of inquiries, I need to state that (1) you need to be a CMC member, and (2) this is not a paid position.

Continued on page 6, New Compass Editor

Mailing Party: November 20
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, November 20, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

Prospective Members Meeting & Orientation
We’re looking for a few experienced CMC members to come join us on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7-8:15 p.m. for a meeting with new or prospective CMC members. Share your enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing and more. BCMC Clubroom, 633 S. Broadway (around the corner from Neptunes). For any details, leave message for Bernel Sawyer (303) 554-7688 or email marketing@cmcboulder.org And you’re always encouraged to BRING A FRIEND!

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.
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 scheduled for Oct 28 & Oct 30 6:30-9:30 pm 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, and attendance is limited to maintain proper student-to-instructor ratio. Please note that AMS is an advanced school and requires participants to have some experience and proper conditioning. AMS candidates must fill out a skills questionnaire for review prior to acceptance in the school. All applications are available online. AMS applications must be returned no later than Nov 7. 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 begins now. Don’t delay! Download your application from the website today.

Fall Equipment $ale

The Fall Equipment Sale will be Wednesday, November 12, 6-8 pm at the AMC in the conference room on the ground floor.

SELLERS:
For each item you are selling, attach an envelope on which is printed your NAME, ITEM, SELLING PRICE, WHETHER YOU WILL ACCEPT A CHECK; attach envelope to item. All items must be tagged before bringing them to the sale. Bring your items to the AMC on Tuesday, November 11 upstairs at the CMC office or Wednesday November 12 in the conference room on the ground level, 12:30-5:30 pm both days.

All unsold items must be picked up from the clubroom the night of the sale, by 8:30 pm unless prior arrangements are made with the Sale Coordinator only. Any items left after sale on Wednesday night will be donated. The office staff will retain sale envelopes for one week after the sale. Any monies not picked up by November 19, will be donated to the CMC.

Any outdoor gear that might be used on a CMC trip is appropriate for the sale, technical clothing only, no street clothes. Also no older model straight downhill skis. All monies go directly to sellers. If you want to donate the sale of your item(s) to the CMC, please note “CMC” on the envelope with the price; checks to be made payable to CMC. CMC is not liable for lost/stolen sale items or items left behind after the sale pick up deadline. It is suggested you keep a list of items in the sale to keep track.

BUYERS:
BRING VARYING BILL DENOMINATIONS OR CHECKS FOR PURCHASES; NO CHANGE-MAKING BY CMC WILL BE AVAILABLE. Doors for sale will open at 6:00 pm; no “early birds” (including sellers dropping off items).

Questions? Contact Zoe Katsulos by email (preferred) at zfot@aol.com or phone, 303-666-7672. Thanks!

Volunteer for the Fall Equipment $ale

The Fall Equipment Sale is Wednesday, November 12, 6:00-8:00 pm at the AMC. Volunteers are needed to help with pre-sale setup, sale monitoring, cashiering, and post-sale cleanup. Hours needed for volunteers: 12:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, November 11, and 3:30 pm-8:30 pm, Wednesday, November 12. Pick a few hours you can help and contact Zoe Katulos by email (preferred) at zfot@aol.com or phone, 303-666-7672. Thanks!

Cross-Country Ski Clinic Signup Dec 2

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 (cross-countryed some but want to improve your skill level). Attendance at the December 2 seminar is required for participation in this class. The seminar covers an overview of the sport, clothing, equipment, and technique. Field trips are held the following two weekends (Saturday December 6 and Sunday December 14) to work 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. Information will be provided at the seminar about where to rent equipment. The December 6 field trip will be held at Eldora Mountain Resort and each student must pay for a (discounted) ticket to use the lifts and the Nordic area.

The evening class will be held from 7 to 9 pm at Neptune Mountaineering (633 Broadway, around the corner from the clubroom). Call Bob Olson (303-443-3280) for more details. Anyone can attend the classroom seminar, but participation in the field trips is limited to members who pay the $40 class fee [CHECK ONLY, no cash or credit cards!] and complete the application form, available from the Boulder Group website or at the Clubroom. Field trip participation is limited, so it is advisable to register early.
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

CMC Boulder Group Annual Dinner Response
(Includes FREE raffle ticket!!)

Please list names of people attending:

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Number of people _______ @ $10 each

Total Amount Enclosed $____________________

Please mail coupon with check to:
CMC Boulder Group
633 S. Broadway, Unit N, Boulder, CO 80305
November 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.

**Saturday, November 15**

First Flatiron - Fandango 5.5
I Climb, 5.5
Summit the First Flatiron by this fun 6 pitch route. Preference given to newer climbers. Expect an early start and a long day. Boulder Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch@frii.net Trip#7136

Cadillac Craggin’ III Climb
Eldorado Canyon 5.8
Often, the South facing Cadillac Crag offers beautiful and hospitable climbing during the cold season. Sample some stellar moderates: V3, Gonzo, You’re Ugly and Your Mother Dresses You Funny, Ghetto Cruiser. Expect a 30 minute steep approach. Boulder Leader: Larry Pedigo 303-960-8627 larry_pedigo@yahoo.com Trip#7272

**Monday, November 3**

BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signups Special
Come find out all about the 2008-09 BMS Winter Schedule. Overview of BMS Winter Field trips including Avalanche clinic, Ice Climbing School, Telemark clinic, Winter Camping/Snow Structures, AMS and 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic. Applications and early sign-up for all these clinics will be available. Meet at 7pm at the Boulder Group club room, 633 S. Broadway, Unit N. Bring your checkbook if you plan to sign up at the meeting. Boulder Leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-4517 bgagnonc2@comcast.net Trip#6871

**Saturday, November 8**

Verschneidung Dihedral
II Climb, 5.7
Eldorado Canyon, West Ridge
About halfway up the West Ridge in Eldorado Canyon State Park. Ascend the famous Verschneidung V-slot with perfect hand crack on pitch 2. Rap route to ground. Weather dependent. Limit 2. Contact Rick at caseyrick@gmail.com or 303-345-8893.

**Friday, November 28**

Disappearing Crack Dome
I Climb, 5.5
Climb the Dome if the weather is nice. Boulder Leader: Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 bimele@msn.com Trip#7332

**Tip from the Webmaster**

**Editor’s Note:** The following is from our webmaster, Wayne Densmore. The web development team will be striving to improve the website this coming year; and here is a technical tip for those interested. Please feel free to contact Wayne at webmaster@cmcboulder.org.

We have on our website a listing of the boulder group trips in the next 30 days. Just go to the website and look under “group” at “Boulder Trip Schedule”. There is also an RSS feed available for that page. If you are familiar with RSS feeds great, skip ahead a couple of paragraphs; if not here is a little background. An RSS reader is a tool that helps one to monitor web pages or web documents. It makes it possible to be alerted to new pages, articles, etc. For example, you can go look at the 9 news local RSS feed (using your favorite browser or specialized RSS reader) at http://www.gannett-tv.com/tools/rss/?cid=222&sid=kusa&num=10 and see a summary of news articles and a link to the full article. Then as new articles are posted, they will show up. The 9 news RSS page at http://www.9news.com/rss/ has some info on RSS and RSS readers as well.

Now some browsers will let you subscribe to an RSS feed, and there is also google reader, thunderbird (mozilla mail reader), owl, and a slew of others. You will need to find one you like, as there are a lot of personal preferences. My personal preference is thunderbird for most feeds, as it lets me deal with the feed much like e-mail. I have new items, old items, and I can delete and/or flag some items. I have used other readers for some very active feeds because of the filtering tools, but that is beyond the scope here.

Now lets move over to the Boulder CMC site. You can view the upcoming trips page at http://www.cmcboulder.org/bmc_trips.html or the upcoming trips RSS feed at http://www.cmcboulder.org/bmc_trips.xml and see the Boulder Group trips for the next 30 days. If you subscribe to this feed, then every
federal agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Parks Service. Nationally recognized experts from outside governmental agencies were also featured.

A significant work product of the Summit was a “Consensus Statement”. This was a statement of principles and support for ongoing, coordinated, collaborative efforts in the management and protection of wildlife resources and habitat. The Consensus Statement reflects the collective wisdom of all participants in the Summit. It solicits support of all participating entities and others to inform and engage the public and government leaders, to support promising new approaches and to advocate for decisions needed to address the complex problems threatening our most treasured natural resources. Additionally, it is an expressed commitment to the resolute stewardship of this priceless and irreplaceable resource, Colorado’s wildlife, and an invitation to others to join in that commitment.

morning when your RSS reader checks the website, it will alert you to any new trips in the 30 day window.

There is also the possibility of putting more RSS feeds on our website. For example there could be a rock climbing feed covering the Boulder and Denver group. If you use RSS feeds and think some special interest ones would be useful, send me some mail at webmaster@cmcboulder.org, and I’ll consider adding some more.

Rent the Clubroom!
We have audio-visual projection, seating for about 60, kitchen and restroom, wireless Internet connectivity and the best room rates in town! Contact clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org for more information.

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- contact: compass@cmcboulder.org