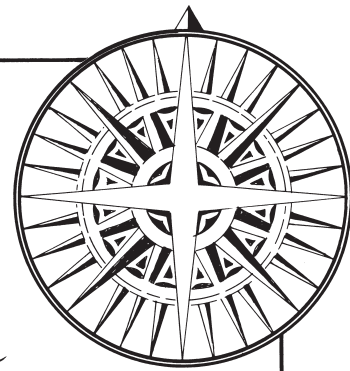




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## Note from the Editor

After a somewhat extended Indian summer, winter seems to be blowing in to Boulder at last, with the first snow falling in mid-November. Maybe the Warren Miller ski movie and its entourage arriving at the same time helped, I don't know...but it is certainly has been snowing in the high country, so I hope we can count on a good ski season this winter!

As the front page story about it attests, the Annual Dinner was a great success, *Continued on page 4, Editor's Note*

## Boulder Group Holiday Party!

See announcement on page 6

## Another Great Annual Dinner!

by Rick Casey

The 2008 Annual Dinner went off without a hitch, and the 169 attendees certainly appeared to enjoy themselves. This was the third annual potluck format and it really does seem to be working pretty darn well. Gabriele Pfister deserves our thanks for heading up the dinner planning committee this year. Building on the planning strategies of the past two years, she commanded the troops like a general on a campaign, and kept us all on track and on time to deliver a smoothly flowing event. The Dinner Planning Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for donating the raffle prizes:



*Attendees enjoying the dinner and running slideshow*

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We would also like to thank Café Solé for donating ample coffee for the dinner. Not to mention, the Avalon itself was enhanced since last year, with the addition of a new sound system and a ceiling-mounted slide projector. This was used to display over 400 photographs submitted by members in a running slide show during the dinner.

The dinner was followed by Brenda Leach, current Council chair, summarizing the accomplishments of the Council over the past year, and recognizing individuals for those contributions. This was followed by Cindy Gagnon, chair of the BMS Committee and instructor in the ski schools, who did the same for the Boulder Mountaineering Schools. In a special tribute, Cleve Armstrong, from the CMC Expedition Committee, presented Val Hovland with an award for summiting Mt Everest this year. Next, nominees for

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## Chair's Report

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

- Congratulations to the newly elected Boulder Group Council officers! They were voted in at our Annual Dinner on November 1. The officers include Dick Munro (Chair), John Fernandez (Vice Chair), Holly Freeman (Treasurer), Deb Tewell (Secretary) and Sam Levis (At Large Member). They will take office at the conclusion of the December Council meeting.
- Congratulations to Boulder Group Council member Nickie Kelly for becoming a new CMC State Board member!
- The December Council meeting marks the end of my term as Chair of the Boulder Group of the CMC. It's been an honor and privilege. I worked with a great group of people on the Council and got to know more members of the CMC in both the Boulder Group and the state organization. We had several significant accomplishments this year. The one that I'm personally the most proud of is the newly revised and documented Trip Leader Approval Process. See [www.cmcboulder.org/trips](http://www.cmcboulder.org/trips). Many thanks to all of you that volunteered for the CMC over the last year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Leach  
Boulder Group Chair

## CMC ED At Trip Leader Party

At the invitation of the Outings Chair Gary Schmidt, all past and present leaders in the Boulder Group were invited to a Leader Appreciation party in the Clubroom on Thursday



Katie Blackett and Cleve Armstrong at Leader Appreciation Party

## Volunteers Needed

### Clubroom Hosts Needed

The Club is in real need of Clubroom Hosts during the weekday nights from 5-7pm, Monday through Thursday. The responsibilities are not difficult and you'll be rewarded by fulfilling a critical and informative role for the club. If you'd like to volunteer, please send email to [clubroom@cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroom@cmcboulder.org) or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688. □

### Youth Program Seeks Docents

The CMC's Youth Education Program is seeking volunteer docents for school field trips to the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum in Golden. YEP staff members Stacy Wolff and Krista Javoronok will host an educational tour and training on Wed., December 10th from 6- 8 p.m. Training will focus on tips for working with youth, facilitating hands-on activities, and exhibit interpretation. Interested individuals should contact Stacy Wolff at 303-966-2751 or [wolffs@cmc.org](mailto:wolffs@cmc.org).  
*[Editor's note: A docent is a person who leads guided tours especially through a museum or art gallery]*

evening, November 13. Also gracing the party was Katie Blackett, the new executive director of the CMC. There were about fifteen to twenty people attending, with abundant food and drink available (the main course being, of course, hot, fresh pizza.) After enough time had passed for everyone to get something to eat, Gary addressed the small crowd.

*[Editor's Note: This is a new function started by Gary this past year.]* After thanking everyone for the hours of time that they had given in service to the club, Gary introduced Katie. This was the first time she had ever spoken to the Boulder Leaders

*Continued on page 5, CMC ED Attends*

## Lost & Found

### Annual Dinner Lost & Found

Did you leave a serving utensil or plate at the annual dinner? There were a number of such items left at the Avalon to the clubroom. Stop by or call the clubroom (303-554-7688) during clubroom hours to find out if one of them belongs to you. (Otherwise they will likely become part of the Clubroom kitchen equipment!) □



### Mailing Party: December 18

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the January 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, December 18, 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.

## **Boulder Group Winter 2008-09 Schools Signup Still Available**

The BMS Winter Schools program is in full swing with the XC ski and Avalanche Classes happening this month. Although both these courses are full, there are still openings in other programs throughout the coming winter including Area Telemark, Winter Camping, Ice Climbing, Tele/AT Backcountry Skiing and Ski Mountaineering. To find out more information, check out the winter schedule at our website: [www.cmcboulder.org/bms](http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms)

## **January Program: Peak Bagging in Winter – the Remote Centennials**

Coming up in January, join Ken Nolan and Jean Aschenbrenner on January 21, 7-8pm for the monthly program. They have done some challenging winter ascents of remote Fourteeners and Centennial Peaks. Jean will share photos and stories from some of their trips, including Wilson Peak, Mt. Wilson, Crestone Peak and Vermillion Peak. In addition, Ken will show photos of other peaks that he has climbed solo in winter, including Gladstone, Rio Grande Pyramid and North Apostle. □

## **Report On Boulder Website** *by Rick Casey*

There was real progress made this year on the Boulder Group website ([cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org)), thanks to some dedicated individuals. It seems appropriate in this December issue to summarize these accomplishments for the members. First, a talented volunteer, Wayne Densmore, stepped up this summer to take over as webmaster. Wayne helped complete the move of our website to a new ISP (Internet Service Provider), and has handily dispatched technical challenges as they arise. Another volunteer who recently stepped up is Peter Stout, will be helping with graphic design. Expect to see some results of his work soon. As Brenda Leach mentioned in her final report as Council Chair, a new Trips Section was added, which gave transparency to a vital aspect of the Group. Next, a new administrative role was approved by the Council this spring to facilitate its relationship

to how it governs the website. This is the Web Team Liaison Contact role, which is a responsibility assigned to a Council member to maintain communication between the Council and the Web Team. The Web Team is simply any volunteers that have the time and the technical skills to help work on the website. The Web Team reports to the webmaster, who oversees the technical aspects of the website. This seemed a sensible way to allow the Council to retain control of the website, yet have a flexible way to allow interested volunteers contribute to it. I helped the Council develop this role, and have been honored to serve as the Web Team Liaison Contact this year. The role can be reassigned to any other Council member by a majority vote, but otherwise has no duties. This will allow any member who would like to serve in this role be elected as an At Large Member on the Council, which is my current position there.

The Web Team is looking forward to working with the Council, and the BMS Committee under the Council, in the coming year to further improve the website. We have a lot of ideas about that, and the website will certainly be a team effort of all of those involved. And the Web Team is always seeking volunteers with technical skills who would like to improve the website; send email to [webmaster@cmcboulder.org](mailto:webmaster@cmcboulder.org) to inquire. □

## **Note on Subscribing to the CMC e-Newsletters**

Did you know you can receive the electronic versions of all the CMC newsletters at no extra cost? To do so, log into the state website ([cmc.org](http://cmc.org)), and click the 'Personal Data' option in the left panel. At the bottom of your Personal Data page (where you can also update your contact information), you'll see the section on 'Paper Newsletters.' There are ten different newsletters, representing three CMC groups and seven other special interest areas. You can also elect to stop receiving the paper version of this newsletter if you click the 'Go Paperless' option, which the group save on printing and mailing costs. If you ever have a question regarding delivery of this newsletter, please email [compass@cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass@cmcboulder.org). For other delivery questions, email [billsmith@cmc.org](mailto:billsmith@cmc.org). □

## **See Montenegro with Rada**

*by Rada Perovic*

Trip dates: June 8 – June 23, 2009  
Trip cost: \$2.039 + air

Rada Perovic, a resident of Golden, but native of Montenegro, will be your hostess for a two week excursion to this unspoiled Mediterranean and Mountain paradise. Montenegro, with a population of 730,000 and area of 5,300 sq mi, gained independence in May, 2006 and has the distinction of being one of the world's newest countries. We will begin our journey on the coast, where beautiful beaches meet the crystal clear azure water of the Adriatic Sea. From our base in the old Medieval Town of Budva, we will explore the 15th century fortress and other towns and quaint villages along the coast. We will hike on coastal trails and bask in the warm hospitality of the Montenegrin people. We will journey to the mountainous interior, where 7,000 foot peaks rocket up from sea level, creating stunning canyons, deep valleys, and dense pine and fir forests surrounding alpine lakes, known locally as "mountain eyes". We will visit three National Parks: Biogradska Gora, Durmitor and Skadar Lake. In addition to the hiking excursions, there will be a rafting trip down the Tara River, referred to as "The Jewell of Europe". When hiking, you will often encounter sheep herder's settlements, where you will experience people who provide the friendliest hospitality on earth. Near the end of the trip, we will visit a small village near Podgorica, where Rada's family will host a celebration at their old stone house, which dates back nearly 200 years.

The cost of the trip includes all ground transportation in Montenegro, lodging, most meals, 2 days of river Tara rafting, guides, all parks and museums fees, leader expenses, and the CMC outing fee. Final cost may vary depending on currency exchange issues. Montenegro uses the Euro as the currency of exchange. Hiking at B and C level. Number of participants: 10. For more information contact leader Rada Perovic, 303-985-3263 email: [montenegrowithrada\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:montenegrowithrada[at]gmail.com) □

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# December 2008 Trips & Activities

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*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](http://cmcboulder.org/Trips). To view trips online and register:*

- ▶ 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' 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.

## Tuesday, December 2

### Cross-country ski clinic Instruction Session

An evening of instruction on the basics of cross-country ski touring for beginning and intermediate skiers. Lectures including clothing, equipment and technique. The clinic consists of 1 lecture (12/2) and two field trips (12/6 & 12/14) The lecture will prepare you for field trips. The 12/6 field trip will be at Eldora Mtn Resort, requiring an extra fee. The 12/14 field trip will be in the backcountry. Signups begin at Nov 3 BMS Overview and Signup meeting. Boulder Leader: Bob Olson 303-443-3280 [boulderbob@comcast.net](mailto:boulderbob@comcast.net) Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 [butler@csd.net](mailto:butler@csd.net) Trip#6608

## Saturday, December 6

### Cross Country Ski Clinic Field Trip Ski #1

As part of Cross Country Clinic, this feild trip will consist of ski tour lessons for beginners & intermediate skiers. Field trip to be held Eldora Mtn Resort's Nordic and beginner downhill areas. Fee required. For registered participants only. Registration begins at the Nov 3 BMS Schools Overview and signups Boulder Leader: Bob Olson 303- 443-

3280 [boulderbob@comcast.net](mailto:boulderbob@comcast.net) Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 [butler@csd.net](mailto:butler@csd.net) Trip#6610

## Tuesday, December 9

### Avalanche Level I Certification Lecture 1

Level 1 avalanche certification is an introduction to avalanche swareness and safety, including identifying avalanche terrain, making good route-finding decisions, & performing field tests to learn snow stability. Recognizing weather, terrain & snow factors contributing to instability, and learning fast and efficient tranceiver rescue. School consists of 2 lectures (12/9/08 & 12/11/08) & one field trip (12/13/08). Signup began Nov 3 at BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signup Meeting. Register with leader. Note: All Lectures are 6-10pm.. Boulder Leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 [gagnonc2@comcast.net](mailto:gagnonc2@comcast.net) Trip#6872

## Thursday, December 11

### Avalanche Level I Certification Lecture 2

Level 1 avalanche certification is an introduction to avalanche swareness and safety, including identifying avalanche terrain, making good route-finding decisions, & performing field tests to learn snow stability. Recognizing weather, terrain & snow factors contributing to instability, and learning fast and efficient tranceiver rescue. School consists of 2 lectures (12/9/08 & 12/11/08) & one field trip (12/13/08). Signup began Nov 3 at BMS Winter Field Trip Overview and Signup Meeting. Register with leader. Note: All lectures are held at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, 6-10pm.. Boulder Leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 [gagnonc2@comcast.net](mailto:gagnonc2@comcast.net) Trip#6874

## Saturday, December 13

Little Raven Trail Mod. II Ski Tour  
The most exciting route to Brainard Lake. After hot tea, zip back down via the Waldrop (North) trail. Boulder Trail Mileage:7 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Ward Leader:

Steve Priem 303-499-0577 [s.priem@yahoo.com](mailto:s.priem@yahoo.com) Trip#7174

### Avalanche Level I Certification Field Trip

Level 1 avalanche certification is an introduction to avalanche swareness and safety, including identifying avalanche terrain, making good route-finding decisions, & performing field tests to learn snow stability. Recognizing weather, terrain & snow factors contributing to instability, and learning fast and efficient tranceiver rescue. School consists of 2 lectures (12/8 & 12/11) & one field trip (12/13). Signup begins at the Nov 3 BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signup Meeting. Register with leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 [gagnonc2@comcast.net](mailto:gagnonc2@comcast.net) Trip#6875

## Sunday, December 14

### Cross Country Ski Clinic Field Trip #2

As part of Cross Country Ski clinic, Ski tour lessons in backcountry for beginner and intermediate skiers Learn new techniques or brush up on old ones. For registered participants only. Signups began Nov 3 at BMS Schools Overview and Signups. Boulder Leader: Bob Olson 303-443-3280 [boulderbob@comcast.net](mailto:boulderbob@comcast.net) Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 [butler@csd.net](mailto:butler@csd.net) Trip#6611

## Saturday, December 20

### CMC/South Trail Easy II Ski Tour Easy Ski tour series

We'll ski both in and out the easy South Trail. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:400 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Ward Leader:Robert K Olson 303-443-3280 [boulderbob@comcast.net](mailto:boulderbob@comcast.net) Trip#6607

## Tuesday, December 30

### Ice Climb

Ice Climbing location to be determined by the leader based on current ice conditions. Ice climbing lecture, field trip, and BMS are prerequisites for this trip. Register with leader Boulder Leader: Warren Bradshaw 303-859-6083 [brad@bajabb.com](mailto:brad@bajabb.com) Trip#6781

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## December 2008 Trips & Activities (continued)

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Wednesday, December 31

Eldo or Boulder Canyon  
I Climb 5.5  
Depending on conditions dictates location. May be a top rope if weather is cool. Climb inside if group prefers. Boulder Leader: Bruce Immele  
303-903-4517 bimmele@msn.com  
Trip#7337



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officers for the Boulder Group Council were then called out, which were: Dick Munroe, Chair, John Fernandez, Vice-Chair, Holly Freeman, Treasurer, Deb Tewell, Secretary and Sam Levis, Member At Large. All members present voted from the floor and the slate passed unanimously. This was followed by the main attraction of the evening, a slide show by Jim Erickson, legendary Boulder rock climber, who shared pictures taken over his long climbing career. Jim was a leading contemporary of the group of climbers in the Seventies that led the transition to “clean” climbing, and to free climbing of previous aid routes – a dramatic development at the time. Jim’s photos were directly out of the climbing history of Colorado and the CMC is proud have him be a part of our celebration. Next came the much anticipated raffle, which Otto Verdoner conducted with wit and aplomb. The raffle raised over \$400, so it was a worthy endeavor.

The closing event of the evening was a summary presentation by Jim Groh of a project he oversaw and directed this year, which will result in a CMC book, *Best Hiking Trails of Boulder*, to be published in 2009 by CMC Press. The project was funded and supported out of the state office, which is conducting similar book projects in other CMC groups across the state. John Gascoyne, overall project editor, also spoke and described the project. The pictures taken by Jim and the other BCMC volunteers strikingly captured the beauty and atmosphere of some of Boulder’s best hikes.

If you would like to see a great slideshow of the evening, visit the group website ([cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org)) and click the obvious link in the right panel (thanks to Gabi for taking the photos and Tom Wilson for putting them on the website.). Again, thanks to all those who contributed – too numerous to mention here – but it was through all your efforts, large and small, that made this such an enriching and fulfilling evening, complete with community spirit, contact and relationships.



*Jim Erickson speaking at the Annual Dinner*

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*Editor’s Note, continued from page 1*  
which seemed to go more smoothly than ever. If you were not attend, you should really consider it next year, since it a unique opportunity to really see what the club is all about. I always learn something more or meet someone new there that makes me reflect what a great and worthwhile organization, through all its ups and downs, the Club really is. Hope to see you there next year!

— the Editor

*CMC ED Attends Leader Party, from page 2*

in this way, but she seemed to take naturally to the role, as Katie and her



*Gary Schmidt introducing Katie Blackett at Leader Appreciation Party*

husband reside in Boulder and are members of the Boulder Group. She also expressed her thanks to everyone, saying that trips and the leaders who make them possible are fundamental to the CMC’s role in society. One of her goals in the coming year will be to provide more training for all the CMC groups’ trip leaders and instructors. This has certainly been an often discussed topic among the Club’s leaders and instructors, so it was especially encouraging to hear. The Boulder Group leaders then gave a round of applause and resumed the evening’s main activity of eating, drinking, recounting stories and making plans for new trips of their own and for the Club.

If you would like to find out how to become a Trip Leader — and you are certainly encouraged to do so! — just go the website ([cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org)) and click on the ‘Trips’ menu selection. Under there you should find all the information you need to become a leader. It is a rewarding and fulfilling way to get more out of your CMC membership!



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## Boulder Group Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 7, 6pm  
Where: Boulder CMC Clubroom

Every year the Boulder Group has a Holiday Party open to all members, which follows the December Council meeting. Consider yourself invited! (RSVP not necessary) The traditional Holiday Party will be held in the BCMC Clubroom, around the corner from Neptune Mountaineering. The format will be pot-luck, BYOB and strictly informal. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your Council and State Board members, get familiar with them and ask any questions you might have.

## Reserve or Rent the Clubroom!

If you have a CMC EVENT where you need to use the clubroom, remember to *reserve* it first. Go to [www.cmcboulder.org/calendar.html](http://www.cmcboulder.org/calendar.html) to check the schedule. Send an email to [clubroomreservations \[at\] cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org) to request your reservation.

If you have a NON-CMC EVENT, you will need to *rent* the clubroom. See our rental policy at [www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html](http://www.cmcboulder.org/clubroomPolicy.html). We have audio-visual projection, seating for about 60, kitchen, wireless internet connectivity and the best room rates in town! Contact [clubroomreservations \[at\] cmcboulder.org](mailto:clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org) for more information.

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