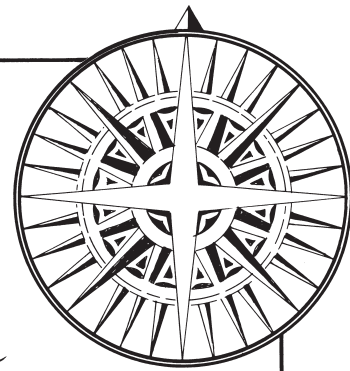




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Note from the Past Editor

This will be my last note to the Boulder CMC as editor of the Compass; but it will not be my last contribution to the Club. I will continue as a Council At-Large Member where I will serve as the Web Team Liaison that serves as a communicator between the Council and the volunteers who help with the website.

I am pleased to have Tessie DeLaney taking over as editor. After a long wait, it is rewarding to have such a qualified candidate step up who wants to give back to the Club.

As my final opportunity to pontificate on the role of editor and the benefits of being in the CMC, I have to say that it has been more rewarding than I ex-
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2009 Monthly Programs Off To Fresh Start

by Nickie Kelly and Susan Flack

Members asked for more social gatherings and the rollout of the genius idea is shaping up! Monthly programs are taking on new 'get to know you' attitude answering the question "What are you up to?" Keeping with the social aspects you are welcome and invited to bring your favorite beverage or snack to share at the programs.

Note the standing date is the second Tuesday of the month beginning in April. This is subject to change in order to accommodate presenters' availability. Also, more presenters may be added. So check the Boulder and State CMC websites, GPS, Compass and Daily Camera in coming months for the exact dates and program titles.

The line up for the year is looking great. Why? Because Boulder Group members rock! They also record and trek and photograph and want to know more! Check out what's been keeping your friends off the streets...

Jan 21: Jean Aschenbrenner - Peaking in Winter

Feb 17: Alan Delamere - The Club's Cabins

March : Brenda Leach - Climbing at El Portrero Chico in Mexico (date to be determined)

Apr 14: Jim Groh - Members' Favorite

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Welcome New Compass Editor!



Tessie on summit of the Grand Teton, Wyoming, July 2008

Past-editor's Note: I take great satisfaction in introducing our new Compass Editor, Tessie DeLaney. Tessie joined the BCMC in 2001 and has been an increasingly active member since then, taking to rock climbing and mountaineering with zeal. I'm sure she will be a dedicated and enthusiastic editor. I asked her to write a few words about herself and her new role; her answer follows.

— Rick Casey, past Compass Editor

During my first year in Colorado, while hiking in the Flatirons, I saw people climbing them. I knew immediately, "I want to do that!" Fortunately, I discovered the CMC as I did not know anyone who could teach me. At first I was intimidated about signing up for Basic Mountaineering School, but it was the best decision I ever made. My instructors were fantastic and it opened up new worlds of adventure to me. Little did I know that the Flatirons would be just

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Chair's Report

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

The Chairs for the following standing committees were approved for 2009. They are:

Cabins – Linda Gathany
Conservation – Chris Klotz
Marketing – Thomas Rockwood
Mountaineering Schools – To be deferred until January Council meeting
Outings – Gary Schmidt
Safety – Cindy Gagnon

Congratulations to Boulder Group member Peter Raab for becoming a new CMC State Board member. Peter and Nickie Kelly start their terms in January.

A successful Trip Leader Appreciation Party was held on Thursday, Nov. 13. It was attended by around 30-40 members. Katie Blackett attended and gave everyone a complementary book by Erik Weihenmayer.

The following evening Otto Verdoner's a long-time service as the Chair of the Cabins Committee was celebrated. Linda Gathany has been approved to succeed Otto as Chair.

From the state database on 12/5/08: Boulder Group has 1192 members and 919 memberships

The winter school sign-up on November 3 was well attended – most of the school are now full.

Respectively submitted,
Dick Munro
Boulder Group Chair

Monthly Programs, continued from page 1
Boulder Hikes Book release party

June 9: Dave Sutherland shares the location of world class biodiverse hotspots in our OSMP.

July 14: Claudia Lopez - Baruntse Expedition

TBD Kurt Kunkle, Colorado Environmental Coalition -Colorado's Canyon Wilderness

Aug 11: Ted Handwerk premiers a short film, Climbing Annapurna IV

Oct 13: Open 'mic' night. Members claim 15 minutes of fame!

Yep, you read that last program right: October 13th could be *your* 15 minutes in the limelight. Share your adventures and epics at the October Open 'Mic' Night. No adventure too small or misadventures too epic will be refused! (But there *will* be a time limit!)

Your hosts, Susan Flack and Nickie Kelly will be sure that clubroom is set up to accommodate the crowds for the monthly shows. They welcome other creative suggestions; send email to [monthlyprograms\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:monthlyprograms[at]cmcboulder.org)

See you at Jean Aschenbrenner's show on January 21st! □

Open House for New and Prospective Members

We're looking for a few experienced CMC members to come join us on **Wednesday, January 15, 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, around the corner from Neptune Mountaineering. For any details, leave a message for Bernel at (303) 554-7688 or email marketing@cmcboulder.org.

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the beginning of my climbing life. Since then I've made several trips to South America and hope to climb in the Himalayas before too long.

For me there are two "bests" about the CMC. First, the basic mountaineering and safety skills I learned are invaluable. For example, if I'm on a multi-pitch climb and drop my belay/rappel device I'm not worried because I can get myself down. Similarly, the CMC has taught me a great deal about being prepared in the mountains and how to survive an emergency bivouac. Knowledge of these skills is empowering and potentially life-saving. The second aspect of the CMC that makes it so meaningful for me is the amazing people I have met and consider to be among my best friends. The club comprises some of the most knowledgeable, selfless, and adventurous souls I've

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Volunteers Needed

Clubroom Hosts Needed

Clubroom Hosts are still needed during the weekday nights from 5-7pm, Monday through Thursday. 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 or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688. □

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 – and they've yet to be claimed! 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: January 22

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, January 22, 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.

**January 2008
Trips & Activities (cont)**

Saturday, January 31

Coney Flats Ski Tour
Easy Ski Tour Series (Easy III)
From Beaver Reservoir ski up the gently-sloping road to either the magnificent views or ferocious winds of Coney Flats. Register with leader. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:65 Topo Map(s):Allens Park, Ward Leader:Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 butler[at]csd.net Trip#6756

□

January Program: Peak Bagging in Winter - the Remote Centennials

The January monthly program will be presented by Jean Aschenbrenner on **Wednesday, January 21, 7-8pm.** Ken Nolan and Jean Aschenbrenner 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, she will show photos of other peaks that Ken has climbed solo in winter, including Gladstone, Rio Grande Pyramid and North Apostle. [Editor's Note: the December Compass incorrectly reported that Ken Nolan will be presenting; Ken will not be present.]

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pected; and I've stayed in the position longer than I expected! Perhaps the most unexpected result was the opportunity for personal growth and the sense of community that develops from working closely with the Council and other Club members. This kind of experience cannot be bought or given; it must be earned. And the rewards are lasting bonds which help to hold our community together, beyond the activities or functions for which we entered the Club. If any of you reading this are considering doing more in the Club – taking a class, going on a trip, leading a trip, whatever – I encourage you to take that step. You get out of life what you put into it; and the Boulder CMC is a great place to do it, and grow.

— Rick Casey



Jean Aschenbrenner descending from Mt Wilson, San Miguel Range, January 2007

Calling All WeekDAY Warriors!

by Jean Aschenbrenner

There are many Boulder CMC members who have time to be active on weekdays. Many of them may be retired. They may include a 70-year-old who wants partners for finishing the 14ers or a 53-year-old who wants to hike the Mesa Trail early in the morning -- or YOU!

I would like to brainstorm with others to determine if there are some needs that could be better met. Let's start by having a networking / socialization meeting to toss around ideas. Topics like:

* Do we want a weekly Tues hike? We

could taking turns organizing it.

* Do we want a monthly breakfast to find partners for wildcat trips?

* Are there hikes you particularly want to do? Can we find a leader and a group of people to go?

* Do we want a camping trip to Moab?

Wednesday, February 4, 7-9pm

Boulder Clubroom (refreshments provided)

I welcome email or phone calls before then since I work better as part of a team and since this will allow ideas to start evolving. Questions? Contact me at [jeanasch\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:jeanasch[at]hotmail.com) or call 303-786-9411. □

December Holiday Party: A Tradition Continues

by Rick Casey

The Boulder Council has always combined (at least since I've been here) it's December Council meeting with a pot luck dinner party to celebrate the holidays. This is open to all members. Not a big event, it nonetheless offers an enjoyable setting for the Council and the members who attend to get to know each other a bit better.



Brenda Linfield and Brenda Leach, among others, at the December Holiday Potluck dinner in the Clubroom, December 7, 2008

January 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.

Sunday, January 4

Brainard Lake Loop
Easy II Ski Tour
On Trail
Casual pace

We will pick one of the loops depending on snow coverage. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:50 Leader:Bruce Immele 303-903-4517 [bimmele\[at\]msn.com](mailto:bimmele[at]msn.com) Trip#7341

Tuesday, January 6

Advanced Mountaineering School
Lecture #1 (scheduled)
NOTICE OF AMS CANCELLATION
AMS classes for winter 2008/2009 were cancelled due to insufficient signup. AMS lectures open to the public on Jan 6, Jan 20 and Jan 27 are hereby cancelled.

Wednesday, January 7

Area Telemark Clinic Lecture
This two day clinic is for the beginner to intermediate telemark skiers who want to improve their techniques. Clinic consists of a single lecture plus 2 days of area skiing at Loveland. Lecture 1/7/09, Field trips 1/11/09 & 1/18/09 Signup begins at the Nov 3 BMS Winter Schools

Overview and Signup Meeting. Discount tickets available. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 [gagnonc2\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:gagnonc2[at]comcast.net) Trip#6876

Thursday, January 8

Ice Climbing Clinic Lecture
Basics of ice climbing lecture. Course consists of 1 lecture (1/8) and 1 field trip (1/17 or 1/18) Lecture begins at 7pm. Signup begins at Nov 3 BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signup. Boulder Leader: Kent Crites 303-284-3059 [kentcrites\[at\]aol.com](mailto:kentcrites[at]aol.com) Trip#6879

Saturday, January 10

Jim Creek
Easy Ski Tour Series (Class I)
Ski an easy grade. Start near the Winter Park Ski Area. The distance skied will be determined by the group. Boulder Trail Mileage:3 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:120 Topo Map(s):Fraser Leader:Ken Baugh 303-881-2465 [robson93\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:robson93[at]comcast.net) Trip#6752

Sunday, January 11

West Magnolia Trail head
Easy Ski Tour Series (Class I)
We'll ski the gentle terrain of the West Magnolia trail system south of Nederland. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:40 Topo Map(s): Nederland Leader:Steve Priem 303-499-0577 [s.priem\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:s.priem[at]yahoo.com) Trip#7178

Black Lakes Ridge Telemark
Mod. III Ski Tour
Blue Downhill
Moderate pace
Starting at Vail Pass parking area, ski up the ridge between Shrine Pass Rd and Black Lakes. Ski down the ridge 2 or 3 times. Climbing skins and good telemark/downhill skills required. Later start and dinner in Frisco to avoid traffic. Call leader only between 9 am and 9 pm. Boulder Trail Mileage:9 Elevation Gain:1800 Drive Distance:210 Topo Map(s):Vail Pass Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 Trip#6822

Area Telemark Clinic Field Trip (Ski)

This two day clinic is for the beginner to intermediate telemark skiers who want to improve their techniques. Clinic consists of a single lecture plus 2 days of area skiing at Loveland. Lecture 1/7/09, Field trips 1/11/09 & 1/18/09 Signup begins at the Nov 3 BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signup Meeting. \$\$ Discount tickets available. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 [gagnonc2\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:gagnonc2[at]comcast.net) Trip#6877

Wednesday, January 14

Winter Camping Clinic Lecture
This clinic is geared toward those with minimal winter camping experience. The course covers tent camping, building snow structures such as kitchens, walls, emergency shelters & snow caves. Travel via showshoes or skis. Clinic consists of one lecture (1/14/09) and one weekend overnight field trip (1/24-25/09). 7pm. Signup began Nov 3 at BMS Winter Schools Overview and Signup Meeting. Register with leader: Willy Gully 303-939-8382 [wgully\[at\]ball.com](mailto:wgully[at]ball.com) Trip#6881

Thursday, January 15

Open House for New and Prospective Members. 7-8:15 p.m, Boulder CMC Clubroom. See article page 2. Questions? Leave message for Bernel (303) 554-7688 or email [marketing\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:marketing[at]cmcboulder.org).

Friday, January 16

Black Lakes Ridge Telemark
Mod. III Ski Tour
Starting at Vail Pass parking area, ski up the ridge between Shrine Pass Rd and Black Lake. Ski down the ridge 2 or 3 times. Climbing skins and good tele/downhill skills required. Contact Leader at 303-494-7977 Boulder Trail Mileage:9 Elevation Gain:2500 Drive Distance: 220 Topo Map(s):Vail Pass Leader: Ronald Spoerl 303-494-7977 [rwspoerl\[at\]dim.com](mailto:rwspoerl[at]dim.com) Trip#7133

Saturday, January 17

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Bierstadt Lake (Easy III)
Easy Ski Tour Series (Green Downhill)
Start at Bear Lake trailhead in RMNP.
Climb Bierstadt Moraine, which is somewhat steep for first 1/2 mile, then a rolling gentle downhill glide to Bierstadt Lake. Additional side adventures depend on group and weather. Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:100 Topo Map(s): McHenry's Peak, Trails Illustrated: Rocky Mtn Ntl Park Leader:Peter Gowen 303-494-5420 PJGowen[at]comcast.net Trip#6854

Swanson's Arete I Climb
Eldorado Canyon 5.5
Get off the ground on this five star 5.5. Swanson's puts you in a spectacular position on Redgarden. We will climb this in three long pitches. Boulder Leader: Larry Pedigo 303-960-8627 larry_pedigo[at]yahoo.com Trip#7273

Saturday, January 17-18

Ice Climbing Clinic Field Trip
Basics of ice climbing. Location depends on conditions. Boulder Leader:Kent Crites 303-284-3059 kentcrites[at]aol.com Trip#6880

Sunday, January 18

Beaver Reservoir, Coney Flats Ski Tour
Peaceful Valley (Advanced. I)
From Peaceful Valley, climb to Beaver Reservoir, ski to Coney Flats on gentle terrain, descend a nice jeep road into Middle St Vrain Creek, follow a trail or road to Camp Dick and return to the cars. Climbing skins advised. Register with leader. Boulder Trail Mileage:12 Elevation Gain:1400 Drive Distance:70 Topo Map(s):Allens Park, Ward Leader:David Longenecker 303-440-7023, david.u.longenecker[at]gmail.com Trip#7115

Area Telemark Clinic
Ski Field Trip
Continuation of clinics that began Wed, 1/7. Register with leader. Boulder Leader:Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2[at]comcast.net Trip#6878

Wednesday, January 21

January Program: *Peak Bagging in Winter - the Remote Centennials* by Jean Aschbrenner. 7-8pm in the Boulder CMC Clubroom. See related article, page 5.

Friday, January 23

Peaceful Valley or Coney Flats
Easy Ski Tour Series (Easy II)
The area we choose will depend on snow conditions. This tour is for beginners who have attended the ski clinic or have equivalent experience. Leader will offer tips on technique improvements. Register with a leader. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:50 Leader:Thomas Alan Walker 303-666-7199 tmwalkerco[at]comcast.net & Warren Bradshaw 303-859-6083 brad[at]bajabb.com Trip#6785

Saturday, January 24

CMC/South Trail Ski Tour
Easy Ski Tour Series (Easy II)
We'll ski to the Brainard Cabin going in and out on the easy South Trail. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:400 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s):Ward Leader:Jason Kintzel 303-776-1218 jkintzel[at]jcbaur.com Trip#6869

Saturday, January 24 - 25

Winter Camping Clinic Field Trip
See description on Wed, Jan 14. Registered students only. Leader:Willy Gully 303-939-8382 wgully[at]ball.com Trip#6882

Brainard Cabin Special
Overnight Ski Hut Trip (Green Downhill)
Ski into Brainard Cabin early on Saturday morning with full overnight packs (possible option of going in on Friday afternoon) and do side trips from the Cabin as desired. More side trips on Sunday before returning to trailhead on Sunday afternoon. Those who want to relax at the cabin during the day will probably help host day skiers. Group meals for Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast. Register early, this trip will fill fast. Spaces not filled 5 days before trip will be released to general cabin users. Register with leader, Peter Gowen 303-494-

5420. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:400 Drive Distance:25 Topo Map(s):Ward (Brainard Lk area), Trails Illustrated 102- Indian Peaks-Gold Hill Leader: Peter Gowen 303-494-5420 PJGowen[at]comcast.net Trip#7214

Sunday, January 25

Mitchell and Blue Lakes
Ski Tour (Mod. II)
Fast but easy trails. Ski past Brainard Lake, then head uphill to Mitchell Lake through the trees. Proceed over open meadows to Blue Lake. Boulder Trail Mileage:10 Elevation Gain:1240 Drive Distance:50 Topo Map(s): Ward. Leader: David Longenecker, 303-440-7023 david.u.longenecker[at]gmail.com Trip#7116

Wednesday, January 28

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic
Lecture #1
This mandatory lecture provides an overview of the three Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic field trips. Various technical topics will be discussed, including gear requirements, curriculum, and field trip details. For registered 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry ski clinic participants. Signup began Nov 3 at BMS Overview and Signup Meeting. Boulder Leader: Cindy Gagnon 303-938-8564 gagnonc2[at]comcast.net Trip#6883

Friday, January 30

Golden Cliffs Top roping Top Roping
Could be 70 degrees...or a blizzard!
However, these sunny southern cliffs are quite often warm even in the winter; so if the weather is conducive we will enjoy a good variety of top roping problems in the 5.7-5.10 range and begin to prepare for another season! Classic views of the Coors beer factory. Boulder Trail Mileage:1 Elevation Gain:500 Drive Distance:1 Topo Map(s): Golden. Leader: Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048 gsch[at]frii.net Trip#7275

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Action Shot of the month



John Fernandez hanging out with a bunch of CMC'ers at Panty Wall, Red Rocks State Park, near Las Vegas, Nevada, November 28, 2008. By Rick Casey

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ever met. It's a wellspring of like-minded friends, like my pal, Tom Wilson, who will climb Long's Peak with me during the night so we can be on the summit for sunrise sipping hot cocoa!

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 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. 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.

I am excited for the opportunity to work as the Compass' new editor. I look forward to combining my two passions of writing and mountaineering, and to working with CMC members to create our monthly newsletter. I hope it continues to be a combination of useful information and entertaining reading for everyone. □

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