Alpine Rock School

The Boulder Group of the CMC is excited to announce the second season of the new Alpine Rock School. The purpose of this school is to train experienced trad leaders in the proper techniques to independently plan and lead rock climbs in the high alpine environment safely and efficiently. The difference between crag climbing and alpine climbing is primarily the mix of easy and difficult terrain found in the alpine environment which is less prevalent in the crag environment, and many hazards not normally encountered on crag climbs that can best be managed by moving quickly. This requires a variety of movement and protection techniques to match varying levels of security needed ranging from un-roped, simul-soloing, simul-protected climbing and belayed 5th class climbing. The climber constantly shifts between these, matching the degree of security to the likelihood and consequences of a fall, and needs to do this as quickly and efficiently as possible. The goal is to travel as efficiently as possible while addressing the risk of a fall. Climbers who know how to move together ‘roped’ and to belay short sections as needed seem to fly along, while others waste hours belaying long pitches on easy ground or take risks climbing un-roped or unbelayed because of a lack of skill and knowledge in such areas.

Dates for 2009 Alpine Rock School
Lectures: 6/17 and 7/8
Field trips: 6/21, 6/28 and 7/11
Information and applications concerning the Alpine Rock School can be found at cmcboulder.org, click on Training.

~submitted by Ted Handwerk

Spring 2009 Basic Rock School

The Boulder Group completed a successful Spring Basic Rock School (BRS)! As reported by the BRS Director, Steve Poulsen, this was the soggiest session on record! It rained for all 3 field trip weekends with Saturdays being the worst days! But, the groups persevered and completed the course. For this Spring BRS, there were 6 groups with around 5 students in each group. The Senior Instructors included Darin Carlson, Rick Casey, Brenda Leach, Steve Poulsen, Jason Shatek, Don Walker and Tom Wilson. The Assistant Instructors included John Brooks, Alan Chudnow, Kent Crites, Heath Dewey, Chris Grosshans, Rob Hamlet, Joel Hollis, Chris Klotz, Danielle Lewis, Michael Main, Keith Matney, Eileen Monyok, Gabi Pfister, Thom Phillips and Mollie Shatek. The Belay and Knot Testers included Steve Blazo, Chris Grosshans, Nickie Kelly, Danielle Lewis and Steve Poulsen. To learn more about the BRS curriculum, go to http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/brs.html. Many thanks to all of the students and volunteers for a successful Basic Rock School!

~submitted by Brenda Leach

Monthly Program: Natural Treasure - Open Space
Habitat Conservation Areas
Tuesday, June 9, 7pm

Boulder is located at a biological crossroads: along the Front Range, the ocean of Midwestern prairie crashes into the Rocky Mountains. Plants and animals from both East and West mingle here, as well as rare and unique species found nowhere else. The City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) department has designated Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs) as a way to protect places that provide habitat to some of Boulder’s rarest and most sensitive creatures, including some trees and flowers so unusual that they are found nowhere else in Colorado! Join OSMP naturalist Dave Sutherland for a slideshow tour of these special places, and learn how you can visit and enjoy their beauty while protecting them for future generations. A social hour in the clubroom starts at 6pm so bring your favorite beverage and snack to eat or share.

~submitted by Susan Flack
Chair’s Report

After a long negotiation process with the US Forest Service, Peter Gowen received the final Special Use Permit and approved Operating Plan for the Brainard and Arestua cabins. The Permit extends our lease of the lands for another decade. Our thanks go out to Peter for all his hard work as the single point contact with the USFS during this process. As of June 1, the CMC and the Backcountry Snowsports Alliance (BSA) have officially merged together. This event added 31 new members to the Boulder Group. Welcome new members! This merger has also added two new State Board Members from BSA, one of which is Heath Mackay who is now a Boulder member and will be joining the Boulder Group Council in his new position. By the way, from the state database of May 12: the Boulder Group now has 1192 members and 931 memberships.

We continue to upgrade the Boulder website. If you have not visited it lately, have a look at http://www.cmcboulder.org.

Respectively submitted,
Dick Munro
Boulder Group Chair

Future Monthly Programs
July 14 Claudia Lopez: Baruntse Expedition
Aug 11 Ted Handwerk premiers a short film, Climbing Annapurna IV
Sept 8 Thomas Rockwood: Exploration and Ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro
Oct 13 Members Claim 15 minutes of fame! Open ‘mic’ night
Nov 7 Annual Dinner
Dec 13 Christmas Potluck

Trip Leader Profile

This month, we’d like to highlight one of the Boulder Group’s trip leaders – Ken Baugh. Ken is a Ski Touring trip leader. He joined the CMC in the late 1980s when he moved to Colorado from the Midwest. Ken found the CMC to be a great way to become acquainted with the mountains and he’s met a lot of good people along the way. Ken became a trip leader several years ago when he signed up for a CMC trip to the Polar Star Inn. The leader couldn’t make the trip so Ken became a trip leader so that the trip could go on. It was a great three days with good snow, the hut sauna and all of the wine that he hauled in! We encourage our members to become trip leaders. If you’re interested, go to www.cmcboulder.org/trips.

~submitted by Brenda Leach

Ken Baugh enjoys an early season ski trip.

Conservation Grant

Since its founding in 1912, the Colorado Mountain Club has been an unwavering advocate for the protection of Colorado’s wild, remote, and quiet places. The CMC was instrumental in landmark achievements such as the designation of Rocky Mountain National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, and the passage of the Wilderness Act. Today, the CMC continues this tradition by working with land management agencies, partner organizations and coalitions to:
•Permanently protect our last remaining road less areas and wildlife corridors
•Protect and restore the quiet experience
•Protect the ecological integrity of our region by reducing the impacts of recreation on the natural environment

In light of this mission, the Boulder Group is continuing its nine year tradition of awarding a grant to further projects in the area of conservation and trails. The total available for grants varies each year depending on the Bob Farley Memorial Fund and conservation funds collected through membership fees. This year we are proud to award $3500 to Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. The money will be used to fund any of the following WRV priorities:
•Leadership Development
•South St. Vrain Trail Project
•Benjamin Betasso Project
•Volunteer Community Development
•Geneva Basin Fen Restoration Project
•Berthoud Pass Restoration
•Mt. Bross 14er Trail Project
•Lake Isabelle Trail Maintenance
•Tools

Nearly 90% of each dollar goes toward direct program and project expenses.

~submitted by Chris Klotz, Conservation Chair for Boulder CMC

Volunteer Opportunities!

To volunteer call the clubroom or email clubroom@cmcboulder.org. New volunteer opportunities can now be found on the website by selecting Group/Volunteer Needs.

Clubroom Hosts Needed

Clubroom Hosts are needed Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm

June 18 Mailing Party

Come to the clubroom and help mail out the June Compass. Drop in at 5:30 pm.

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June 2009 Trips & Activities

Editor’s note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible for trips to be changed or posted after this issue goes to press. Please check online for current trip status, to see club trip policies, or to learn about becoming a trip leader: cmcboulder.org/Trips.

To view trips online and register:

- Browse to www.cmc.org
- Login with your CMC member number and password. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code.
- Click on ‘Trip Signup’ in left margin
- Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- To register, click Register
- For Boulder trips, you must contact the leader by phone (preferred) or email; for Denver trips, you may register online.
- Schools require previous signup. Info at www.cmcboulder.org

Tuesday, June 2

Intermediate Snow School Lecture
Jim Leffingwell 303-740-9218
jamesleffingwell@hotmail.com

Wednesday, June 3

After Work Social Hike, Moderate A
Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Club Room.
Steven Haymes 303-444-4765

Rock Leading School Lecture
Clint Locks 720-201-5381
clintlock@comcast.net

Friday, June 5

Crosier Mtn 9,250’, Difficult B
Ruth Eastman 303-652-3097 rutherneastman@msn.com Laurette Terrell 970-669-8828

Saturday, June 6

Best Boulder Hikes: Mesa Trail, Mod. A
Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099
Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com

Best Boulder Hikes: Boulder Trail
Jim Groh 303-604-0024
jimgroh@comcast.net

Indian Peak Classic Series, Rock Climb: Dicker’s Peck 5.5

Indian Peak Classic Series, Rock Climb: Sugarloaf Mountain 8,917’ and Bald Mountain 9,147’, Difficult A
David Longenecker 303-440-7023
David.U.Longenecker@gmail.com

Indian Peak Classic Series, Mod. D-E
Skywalker Couloir, Semi-tech
Todd Nelson 303-417-9166
toddnelson@comcast.net

Rock Leading School, Field Trip #1

Saturday, June 9

Disappearing Crack 5.6, Dome, I Climb
Bruce Immele 303-903-4517
bimmele@msn.com

Wednesday, June 10

After Work Social Hike, Moderate A
Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Club Room.
Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099
Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com

Backpacking School Lecture
Janine Fugere 303-564-9702
janine_fugere@yahoo.com

Cob Rock 5.7, Boulder Canyon
Amy Slaymaker 720-530-6703
amyslaymaker@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 13

Sugarloaf Mountain 8,917’ and Bald Mountain 9,147’, Difficult A
David Longenecker 303-440-7023
David.U.Longenecker@gmail.com

Indian Peak Classic Series, Mod. E-D
Skywalker Couloir, Semi-tech
Todd Nelson 303-417-9166
toddnelson@comcast.net

Rock Leading School, Field Trip #1

Saturday, June 13 – June 14

Backpacking School Field Trip (1-night)

Sunday, June 14

Mt. Trelease 12,477’ Adv. I Ski Tour, Free Heel Skiing Section, Blue Downhill
Steven Haymes 303-444-4765

Intermediate Snow School Field Trip
Jim Leffingwell 303-740-9218
jamesleffingwell@hotmail.com

Monday, June 15

Green Mtn. 8,144’ Mod. A, Evening hike
Caryl Shields 303-665-6312
bchloe111@aol.com

Tuesday, June 16

GPS Navigation Course Lecture #1
Steven Haymes 303-444-4765
Janine Fugere 303-564-9702
janine_fugere@yahoo.com

Wednesday, June 17

After Work Social Hike, Moderate A
Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Club Room.
Debbie Tewell 720-304-9572
dtewell@worldnet.att.net

Alpine Rock School Lecture #1
Irina Overeem 303-735-5486
irina.overeem@colorado.edu Ted Handwerk 303-402-9196 t.handwerk@comcast.net

Thursday, June 18

Best Boulder Hikes: Bear Peak
Cindy Gagnon, gagnonc2@comcast.net

Friday, June 19

Indian Peak Classic Series, Mt. Toll 12,979’, Moderate C
Cindy Carey 303-530-3103
careycolorado.edu

Castle Rock West Face 5.5, I Climb
Boulder Canyon, after work climb
Gary Schmidt 970-481-1048
gsch@frii.net

Saturday, June 20

Eldorado Canyon Trail hike, Difficult A
Janine Fugere 303-564-9702
janine_fugere@yahoo.com
North Face Couloirs Flattop Mountain, Moderate D-E, Semi-tech
Todd Nelson 303-417-9166
toddnelson@comcast.net

Rock Leading School Field Trip #2

Sunday, June 21

Alpine Rock School Field Trip #1

Tuesday, June 23

GPS Navigation Course Lecture #2

Wednesday, June 24

After Work Social Hike, Moderate A
Don’t call—just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Club Room.
Karen Baldwin 303-420-8162
karenlbaldwin@hotmail.com

Saturday, June 27

Best Boulder Hikes: Mt. Audubon
Nickie Kelly 303-579-9629
kelly1080@comcast.net

Rock Leading School Field Trip #3

GPS Navigation Course Field Trip

Sunday, June 28

Alpine Rock School Field Trip #2

Best of Boulder Hikes: Blue Lake
Donald Walker 303-499-6099
don@dragonbreath.us
Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099
Marilyn@Gracie-Realty.com

Indian Peaks Classic Series: Juliet Coul.
Bruce Immele 303-903-4517
bimmele@msn.com

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.

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!

For info or to request your reservation: clubroomreservations@cmcboulder.org

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