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Editor’s Note
Summer is in full swing, and so is the CMC, with a host of activities for all members. Please see the note from Katie Blackett, our CEO, on page four for her coverage of activities beyond the trip schedule.

Of particular notice to me this past month was the unusual spate of rock climbing accidents. Within the space of a few weeks, there were four separate incidents in Eldorado Canyon, resulting in one fatality, and two other critical injuries. All involved very experienced climbers, or unusual rockfall in a highly active area. There is no systematic explanation for this concentration of accidents, other than the increase in climbing activity as the weather warmed up in June. The accident involving a simul-climbing party was particularly unusual, as this experienced party was attempting an endurance event unprecedented in the canyon: 100 pitches in a day. For those interested, more details can be found at the climbing websites, such as mountainproject.com and rockclimbing.com.

The real heroes in all this, of course, is the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, who performed all the rescues, with assistance of Eldorado Park rangers. Other climbers at the scene of the accidents also did what they could to help, which is inspiring to read about.

Nonetheless, climbing remains an overall safe sport, where the subjective danger can be highly controlled. These skills are well taught in our Basic Rock School and Rock Leading School classes. I encourage anyone considering rock climbing as a new sport, or who wants a safety refresher, to check them out each spring and fall.

— Rick Casey,
Compass Editor and Webteam / Council Liaison Person

Fall Schools Sign-Up Night
Monday, August 16, 7pm

This year’s fall schools will include Hiking I, Hiking II, Basic Rock School and GPS Navigation. See www.cmcboulder.org/bms/fallSchedule.html for the course dates. The first opportunity to sign up for classes is at the Fall Schools Sign-Up Night on Monday, August 16, in the BCMC clubroom. Please note that applications will be available online and in the clubroom on August 9, but will not be accepted until the Sign-Up Night. Attending the Sign-Up Night gives you a higher priority of getting into the schools. Applications may still be submitted to the clubroom after August 16. Contact bms@cmcboulder.org if you have questions. Bring your checkbook!

Boulder CMC Open House
July 21st, 7-8 pm

Where: At the clubroom, around the corner from Neptune’s

Inviting new and prospective CMC members to learn more about the club and its many classes, trips, and activities. Experienced members will be on hand to share their enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and more. Bring a friend!

Share Your Pictures!

CMC member Larry Pedigo on second pitch of Ruper, 5.8, Eldorado Canyon

Did you know you can upload your pictures to the Boulder website? See the front page, where 12 random photos are selected each time the page reloads. There have not been many new photos lately, so this is an invitation to share your photos at cmcboulder.org. You can also annotate them with identifying information.
Exciting speaker for our Annual Dinner

We have confirmed an exciting speaker for our Annual Dinner. He is Howard Snyder -- for the mountaineers among us, or for those of us of a certain age, Howard is best known for his participation in the 1967 Wilcox-Mount McKinley Expedition (as Denali was known then). Although Howard and his fellow Coloradans summited, seven other expedition members perished in the horrific storms engulfing that tempestuous peak. The event has been well-chronicled in books such as Howard’s own “In the Hall of the Mountain King” and in James Tabor’s more recent “Forever on the Mountain”. It was a tragedy that deeply affected the National Park Service and even involved such an august individual as Bradford Washburn.

Although he has given many presentations over the years, this will be Howard’s first presentation on the event here in the Boulder Valley. Howard now lives in Alberta, Canada. Howard will also reflect on his days as a Boulder CMC member and trip leader and on his memories of Boulder from the 1960’s.

It should be a wonderful evening so please pencil it in your personal calendar (and invite all your friends as well). With the help of Council Member Paul Raab, a publicity push for the event will begin next month (and we may have a related surprise announcement). And, before closing, I would like to thank Paul for securing Mr. Snyder’s confirmation as our speaker. It is quite a coup and a testimony to the power of the volunteer spirit embodied in CMC.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fernandez, Boulder Chair

Annual Dinner Chair Needed

The Boulder CMC Annual Dinner, traditionally held in early November, needs a volunteer with excellent organizational skills who enjoys creating hospitality. You will have excellent guidance and support, from a well honed format perfected over the past few years. For information, please contact chair@cmcboulder.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer call 303-554-7768 or email clubroom@cmcboulder.org

Clubroom Hosts Needed

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

New GPS Editor Wanted

The Boulder CMC is in need of a new GPS editor. Gain valuable skills while filling a key position in the Boulder Club. If interested please email chair@cmcboulder.org.

Wanted: Your Stories!

The Compass newsletter wants to hear from you! Please consider sharing your personal stories or consider writing an article of interest for a future issue. Email compass@cmcboulder.org.

New Compass Editor Wanted

If you have the time, and would like to gain valuable experience with the Boulder CMC, please consider volunteering as editor for the Compass. You will gain a rich experience of how the Club functions by overseeing the production of a tradition that has been published continuously for decades. You will also get experience in using InDesign, a standard software tool in professional graphic design. If so, please contact the editor at compass@cmcboulder.org.
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.cmcboulder.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

July 2010 Trips & Activities

Wednesday, July 7

After Work Social Hike Moderate A Casual pace
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:5 Elevation Gain:600 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder, Eldorado Springs Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11417

Friday, July 9

Eldorado Classic Climb Series / Flakes/ Whistle Stop III Climb
Redgarden Wall 5.9
Climb these adjoining Eldorado classics, whistling your way up finger cracks to a moderate roof, and flaking out on a dihedral to another roof, continuing diagonally up on a face to the top. Limit 2 participants. Boulder Leader:Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#12420

Saturday, July 10

GPS Navigation Field TripField Trip Lecture for course to provide a review of map and compass from Hiking II, to teach how to plan a trip with a GPS, and then how to navigate in the field with a map and compass, a map and compass and a GPS, and a GPS alone. The course will include two lectures on Tue. 6/15 &amp; Tue. 6/22 at 6:30 PM, and one field trip on Sun. 7/10/10. Students are required to provide their own compass and GPS. Signup begins at the March 1 BMS Spring Overview and Signup Meeting. Register with leader before 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM only. Boulder Topo Map(s):Morrison Leader:Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11423

Sunday, July 11

North Face Couliors Flattop Mountain Moderate D-E, Semi-tech, Moderate pace

Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday Evening Endevors Moderate A, After Work Hike
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don’t call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Boulder Trail Mileage:6 Elevation Gain:800 Drive Distance:5 Topo Map(s):Boulder/Eldorado Springs Leader:Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janie_fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11365

Friday, July 16 – July 18

Backpacking School Field Trip (2 Night Option) Field Trip, On Trail Moderate pace
This is the two-night field trip of the Backpacking School. This course covers equipment, trip planning, site selection, meals, leave no trace principles, bear-bagging, and more for an enjoyable backpacking experience. Prerequisites: Hiking 1 &amp; Hiking 2. One lecture on Tue. 6/8/10 at 6:30 PM. Field trips: 6/12-13 (one-night option), 7/16-18 (two-night option). Students may choose to attend either or both Field Trips. Sign Ups begin at the 3/1/10 BMS Spring Overview and Signup (CMC Boulder Group Clubroom - 7 PM). Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:1200 Drive Distance:60 Leader:Janine A Fugere 303-931-6151 janie_fugere@yahoo.com Trip#11365

Saturday, July 17

IPWA Wildflower hike Moderate B Fast pace
We’ll hike swiftly up Niwot Ridge from Long Lake (near Brainard), checking out flowers on the way up and spending more time to identify them on the return. Leader is an amateur botanist who loves to learn new plants. Boulder Trail Mileage:8 Elevation Gain:900 Drive Distance:45 Leader:Patricia Butler 303-440-0586 butler@csd.net Trip#12215

Washington Irving, Rock climb, 5.6
This classic, single pitch moderate is on the West Ridge in Eldorado Canyon. Excellent beginner’s climb, as can be top roped once led. Contact Rick Casey, caseyrick@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 21

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From the CEO

Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Initiative:
In April, President Obama issued a memo to the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture and the heads of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Council on Environmental Quality. The memo kicked off the President’s new outdoor recreation and open space initiative America’s Great Outdoors. In the memo, the President stated, “We must look to the private sector and nonprofit organizations, as well as towns, cities, and States, and the people who live and work in them, to identify the places that mean the most to Americans.”

To that end, they have set up a website (link to site http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/) that is designed to solicit input and ideas from the public on themes such as “reconnecting with the great outdoors”, “private land conservation” and “public land conservation”. CMC’s Conservation Department will be submitting comments as well as working with the outdoor recreation and conservation community to secure a live listening session in the Denver metro area sometime this summer. Stay tuned for another update on this soon.

Appalachian Mountain Club to join in on regional mountain club benefits sharing: The regional mountain clubs met in early May as part of our yearly partnership agreement. Andy Falender, Executive Director of the Appalachian Mountain Club attended the meetings after hearing about the good work the clubs have done together. Andy signed the shared membership benefits agreement, which will allow all CMC members to utilize the membership benefits of the Appalachian Mountain Club members. Check out their website at www.outdoors.org. They have an amazing hut system that I suggest everyone look into for a vacation.

Trip Participant Survey:
As a reminder, once per quarter, the State office will be sending a trip participant survey to a random group of members throughout the state to find out about their experience with the club. The results will be used to help us reach our goal of being the best outdoor recreation organization in the State. The anony-
mous results will be shared with Group Chairs. I thank many of you who provided feedback on the survey questions.

President’s Corner:
In the past few weeks you might have heard or read about the proposed fees for the four fourteeners in South Colony Basin. A few CMC members have inquired about the CMC position on the matter. After a long discussion these past few weeks with the Board’s Executive Committee, staff, volunteers and our organizational partners, we’ve decided that at the current time, it does NOT make sense for the Club to take an official position. Instead in Wednesday’s Rucksack, there will be a comprehensive article so that individual CMC members can make an informed decision and if they choose, they can give individual input into the proposed plan.

The Forest Service asking for input is only the first step of a longer process. Since you are in a leadership capacity, if you are asked, please encourage others to be part of the Forest Service process, and ask them to provide thoughtful feedback. As you know, the Forest Service has been a valued partner of the CMC for decades, and thus, we would like to cooperate with their request.

As a reminder, all media inquiries need to go through the CEO, Katie Blackett. The conservation department, acting in support of the work of the CMC organization, may make public representation of CMC on conservation related matters. Individual members are welcome to make statements about their personal perspectives, but should do so as individuals and not representing the organization.

Thank You Hidden Gems Supporters: Sometimes Hidden Gems proponents are referred to as “the silent majority,” making it hard to show the public and politicians how many of us actually support the Hidden Gems. Well, last week Gem-sters showed up in force, dispelling this myth. Literally hundreds of us turned out to public meetings held by Congressman Jared Polis in Boulder, Edwards and Breckenridge. Thank you! More info at: http://www.whiteriverwild.org/

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Summer Opportunities for Kids!
CMC has a variety of summer adventure day camps for youth. Rock Climbing, hiking, and nature study are part of the fun! Register today at: http://www.cmc.org/youth_education/index.htm#summer

— Katie Blackett
CEO, Colorado Mountain Club

BCNA Classes

[Editor’s Note: Boulder County Nature Association (BCNA) is a non-profit dedicated to teaching about Nature. Find out more at www.bcna.org.]

Walking Through the Seasons in the Ponderosa Pine Forest: Summer and Fall — Dianne Andrews

In this class we walk the same trail in summer and fall, exploring some of the stories the forest has to tell—stories that reveal the relationships that shape life in the forest. Summer is a time to observe the fledging of young birds, the antics of small mammals, the flight of butterflies, and the continuing procession of wildflowers. Fall is a time to watch migrant birds heading south, wildlife preparing for winter, and autumnal colors returning to trees and shrubs.

Indoor class: Thursday, July 15, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Field class: Saturday, July 17, 8 am to 1 pm. Field class: Saturday, September 18, 8 am to 1 pm

Tuition: $90 ($80 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants.
To register, contact Dianne at (303) 823-6779 or dandrews@boulder.net

Exploring Colorado Hummingbirds — Steve and Debbie Bouricius

Hummingbirds remain one of the least studied of all bird groups, and their complex lifestyle poses continuing challenges to researchers. We will examine the life cycle of hummingbirds and their status in Colorado. We will observe and learn to identify them at private locations where they are attracted in concentrated numbers, and then get a close-up look into the art and science of hummingbird banding research.

Indoor class: Sunday, July 25, 7:30 to 9 am Field class: Sunday, July 25, 9 am to 2 pm. Tuition: $65 ($55 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants.
To register, contact Steve at (970) 434-5918 or bouricii@earthlink.net

Boulder Bugs: An Introduction to the World under our Feet! — Scott Severs

Discover the hidden world of insects and spiders. The classroom session will focus on the identification features of the major orders of spiders and their kin, grasshoppers, true bugs, beetles, social insects (bees and ants) and others. In the field we will practice our newly learned identification skills, see how insects interact with each other, and observe the roles they play in the local environment and in our daily lives.

Indoor class: Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Field class: Sunday, August 8, 9 am to noon
Tuition: $55 ($50 BCNA members). Limited to 8 participants.
To register, contact Scott at (303) 684-6430 or rostrhamus@aol.com

Mushrooms of the Front Range — Jennifer Frazer

Thousands of species of mushrooms lurk in the woods and yards of Colorado. This class will cover basic mushroom biology, important mushroom toxins, common Colorado mushrooms, how mushrooms make a living, and how to recognize major mushroom families. We’ll also learn how to make the beautiful spore prints that can be vital to identification. In the field, you’ll get hands-on experience collecting and identifying mushrooms, and be trained in the lost art of the mushroom hoot.

Indoor class: Thursday, August 19, 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Field class: Saturday, August 21, 9 am to 1 pm. Field class: Saturday, September 4, 9 am to 1 pm
Tuition: $80 ($70 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants.
To register, contact Jennifer at (303) 549-8276 or ranatrafusca@yahoo.com □

Hiking and Exploring in Ecuador

Dates: September 6–17, 2010
Price: $2,501 + air travel

Travel to a private preserve nestled in a rustic mountain setting in the Pichincha Foothills where you will find peace and tranquility. Experience Ecuador’s bird and animal life, following the footsteps of the ancient Incas on the Last Inca Emperor’s Trails. Take in incredible views of the mountains and volcanoes and enjoy superb photo opportunities. Our starting point will be Quito. After arriving we will explore the capital of Ecuador, learning about colonial art, history, archaeology and folklore. In the preserve we will trek to the Highland Rainforest, with opportunities to visit five sacred waterfalls. There are 250 varieties of native medicinal plants in the region and we will learn about some of them. While hiking in a wild virgin cloud forest around Pichincha Mountain and trekking jungle trails, we will observe a variety of birds, including hummingbirds at feeders. Ecuador is a paradise of about 450 bird species, majestic waterfalls, and 300 varieties of orchids. A visit to the world famous Otavala Indian Market will give you a chance to shop for local handmade products.
Guided hikes at a moderate to easy hiking level on 8 days of the trip will be in the itinerary including after dark hikes to hear wild voices of the night jungle.
There will an optional 5 or 7 day trip to the Galapagos Islands before the trip. For more information, please contact: Betsy Weitkamp at 303-722-1656 or elaw@q.com.

CMC State Outing

CMC’s In-State Outing will be held near Silverton, CO, the last week in July and first week in August, at the Mountain Studies Institute field station. Visiting scientists from the Institute will present lectures on the alpine environment. This is a passenger car drive-in site, with plenty of tent sites, 4 RV hook-up sites, and 6 rustic cabins. There is some indoor space; please inquire. An outdoor dining tent provide sheltered dining. Register at the state web site, at cmc.org/iso. Only a few spots left!