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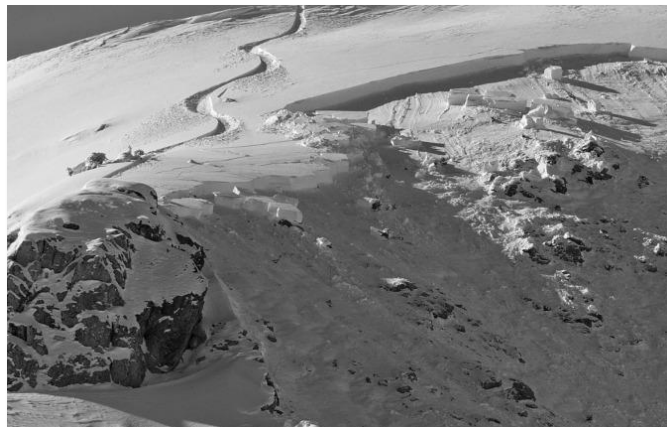
Pikes Pique

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

Pikes Peak Group Program – January 16

Eric Hunter Presents: *Avalanche Awareness*

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on January 16th for our monthly program at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N Tejon St. Eric Hunter will give a presentation on Avalanche Awareness.



Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner

The Pikes Peak Group's annual dinner audience was inspired and motivated by guest speaker Doug Ingram as he challenged everyone to "dream big". He's climbed five of seven of the continents' highest peaks and he shared his presentation of climbing Mt Everest.

The club also elected a new Chair as Collin Powers passed the gavel to Kristen Buckland. Awards were given to very deserving members:

- Bill Allen – 2017 Meritorious Service Award
- Glenn Barr – 2017 Meritorious Service Award
- Matthew Foster – 2017 Meritorious Service Award
- Britt Jones, David Kuenzli, and Denise Snow – MSA's but not in attendance
- Jackie Crouch – 2017 Outstanding Service Award
- Tom Mulcahy – 2017 Outstanding Service Award
- Scott Kime – 2017 Outstanding Service Award



- David Anderson – 2017 Outstanding Service Award
- Thomas Mowle – 2017 Richard Eustice Conservation Award
- Kristen Buckland – 2017 Robert M. Ormes Distinguished Service Award

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Council? Please contact the Chair.

Welcome New Members!

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Doug Carter
Jinjong Chung
Sally Cirincione
Clancy Clark
Katharina D'Amato
Joseph Farrell
Juliet Green

Todd Hein
Devon Herndon
Emily Jarrard
Noel Johns
Eric Land
Shelby Lowman
Dan Magar



Member Contributions

"Tribute to Mary" Hike



Left to right: Jennifer, Sandra (1st co-lead), Angie, Diane, and Dustin

North Maroon Peak



Standing: Mike Cromwell; Seated: Ling Li (guest), Richard Trillet, Chris Mattingly, Mark Silas, Tony Eichstadt

Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Colorado Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts December 6

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction to important skills and backcountry knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outings in the mountains. Pre-requisites: None. Class lecture covering the topics of gear, trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, conservation practices such as Leave No Trace, the Ten Essentials, weather evaluation, safety, emergency planning protocol, and case studies of wilderness accidents. There is an optional CMC Rating Trip designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class.

Pikes Peak Snowshoe Basics

Starts January 2

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for this entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity in the winter schedule. This is also a wonderful way of beating the ever-rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom sessions in Colorado Springs on 02 and 03 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p and one field session on 06 Jan all day. The course cost is \$25 for PPG members and \$35 for all others. There are also rental costs from local gear shops if you don't own the gear. A general fitness level to go on a full day snowshoe trip is required for the field session. The first classroom is the same as the BC Ski class. The target audience is someone new to snowshoeing.

Pikes Peak Intro to Backcountry Skiing

Starts January 2

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for backcountry skiing. BC skiing is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse, and it is a wonderful way of beating the ever-rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There will be two classroom and three field sessions for the BC Ski class. The cost is \$75 for PPG members and \$90 for all others for the classroom sessions and handouts. There are also rental costs from local gear shops if you don't own the gear and a trail pass for one day at a Nordic Center. BC Ski classroom dates are 02 and 04 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p in Colorado Springs, and the field dates are 07, 14, and 21 Jan all day. A general fitness level to go on a full day ski trip with a lot of practice time is required for the field sessions. The first classroom is the same as the snowshoe class. The focus of this course is on learning efficient balance and weight transfer to manage an efficient kick and glide, so the target audience is beginner backcountry skiers.

Pikes Peak Avalanche Level 1

Starts January 23

This is the Decision Making in Avalanche Terrain course required for both HAMS and BMS students, and is highly recommended for anyone going into the winter wilderness. The classroom sessions will be held in Colorado Springs, and will teach how to develop a plan for travel on avalanche terrain, how to identify terrain that is avalanche safe, how to make safe terrain choices before and during a trip, and how to make an efficient companion rescue through hands on experience. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are scheduled for 23 and 25 Jan from 6:00p to 9:30p. The field session is scheduled for both 27 and 28 Jan all day. All field sessions are scheduled separately as CMC trips. Attendance at both classroom sessions and both field sessions is required to successfully complete the course. The cost for this class is \$175 for the Pikes Peak Group and Leaders and \$200 for all others. A general fitness level is required to spend the day snowshoeing around and digging in the snow. This course will be on snowshoes only. The target audience is anyone new to avalanche skills and anyone wanting to refresh their expired skills.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School – Beginner Ice Climbing

Starts January 30

Time to swing some ice! This is the final module in the 2017-2018 BMS series. Completion of this course allows certification in the BMS Alpine Mountaineering track. Congratulations! This course has a prerequisite of the BMS Rock Climbing module or similar proven skills. Classroom dates are 30 Jan and 1 Feb. The field session is 4 Feb. There will be an optional trip to Ouray on 9-11 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$70. The optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses.

Pikes Peak Winter Wilderness Survival Skills

Starts February 21

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for an unplanned night while on a day trip? This classroom session will be held in Colorado Springs and will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and you will have the chance to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. The classroom session is on 21 Feb from 6:00p to 9:30p. The overnight is 24-25 Feb all day both days. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$50 for Pikes Peak Group members and leaders and \$65 for all others. A general fitness level to travel on snowshoes, to be out overnight, and to dig snow shelters for long periods is required. The target audience is anyone who goes on day trips in the winter in any snow environment.

Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

Pikes Peak Group Trip Leader Training

Starts March 15

This course provides the necessary training and satisfies part of the requirement of becoming a CMC trip leader for the Pikes Peak Group. (Completion of a Wilderness First Aid course, a CPR course, and practice trip leading are the other requirements for becoming a trip leader.) The classroom sessions are on 15 and 22 March from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The field session on the morning of 24 March will be scheduled as a CMC trip. Prerequisite: Must have taken BMS Wilderness Fundamentals and BMS Land Navigation or possess equivalent demonstrable knowledge/experience and be a PPG member for at least one year.

PPG ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class

Starts March 22

The Pikes Peak Group Gear and Anchors Class is part of the PPG Advanced Rock Climbing Program and is a prerequisite to the Trad Leading class. In Gear and Anchors, students will learn about the various types of rock protection, including: natural protection, passive protection (nuts, hexes) and active protection (cams); and how to place and incorporate pieces of protection into anchors. We will discuss climbing anchors, to include top-rope, belay, and rappel anchors. The student will learn the concepts of building a safe climbing anchor to include placement and evaluation of protection, fall forces, direction of pull, rigging methods, and knots for anchoring. By the end of the final field session, participating students will be expected to be able to build trad anchors that meet an instructor-team evaluation for gear placements and anchor safety. They will rappel off of anchors they have built and rigged.

PPG ARCPro Intermediate Self-Rescue Class

Starts April 7

This is our next-level Self-Rescue class for those who have completed the Introduction to Self-Rescue class. We will review the basic skills from the Intro class, then move into more advanced self-rescue skills, including skills applicable to multipitch climbing, such as lowering from a top belay, hauling methods, and multipitch tandem rappels. Prerequisites: Students should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing and Introduction to Self-Rescue, or have equivalent skills.

December–January PPG Trips

Beginner Skate Skiing Clinic

12/2/2017

Ski

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Location: The Frisco Nordic center in Frisco, CO. Details: Learn the basics of this wonderful Nordic center sport seen in the Winter Olympics. It is incredibly aerobic and can take years to master. However, one session can show you the basics. It is recommended that you have prior experience roller/ice skating, downhill skiing, or Nordic skiing. You must use specialized skate ski equipment that you can rent at the Nordic center. Plan to meet in the Nordic center at 9:00 a.m. The instruction will take place in the morning, then you will have the afternoon to practice what you learned.

Intermediate Skate Skiing Clinic

12/2/2017

Ski

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Location: The Frisco Nordic center in Frisco, CO. Details: This is an intermediate skate ski class. You must have previous experience skate skiing to take this class and be aware that this is an aerobic sport. Instruction will be in the afternoon and equipment can be rented at the Nordic center. Plan on meeting at the Nordic center at 1:00 p.m.

Mt Rosa

12/3/2017

Moderate D

Leader: Andy Lyon, 719-630-1523, andyslyon@msn.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 4000, Driving Distance 10. Details: Face it. The Broncos seem to be done for the year. Why not skip the couch and hit the woods on the first Sunday in December? We'll meet at "the Hub" parking area where Gold Camp Road and High Drive intersect, walk up Gold Camp Road, take the St. Mary's Falls trail and connect to the Mt. Rosa trail. Layer up and bring your poles, micro-spikes, or yak tracks to handle the icy spots. Pack a headlamp and a thermos with warm liquids, too. The summit provides a great view of the Pikes Peak area and the Sangres to the southwest. You can register online *but* acknowledgement of your participation by email, text or, (gasp!) telephone will be required as we get within 48 hours of the hike. Prepared guests are welcome but no sorry, no dogs. The canyon road up to the parking area can be icy, so we can arrange to meet lower down and carpool up if your vehicle isn't up to the task.



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December–January PPG Trips (continued)

Cross Country Ski Divide

12/9/2017

Easy

Leader: Robert Mouner, 719-575-0966, rmouner@q.com

Trail Mileage 4, Elevation Gain 50, Driving Distance 80. Location: Women's Park, Divide, CO. Details: We will meet at the Safeway in old Colorado City at 10 a.m. to arrange car pooling or at a pre-determined pick up spot. Notes: This is a moderate to easy loop ski in mostly open valleys with little elevation gain or loss. Our pace will be casual to enjoy the views. If insufficient snow we will move to closest area with good conditions.

Ski Cooper

12/23/2017

Ski

Leader: Robert Mouner, 719-575-0966, rmouner@q.com

Trail Mileage 1, Driving Distance 270. Location: Ski Cooper, Leadville, CO. Details: We will meet at the Safeway in Old Colorado City at 6 a.m. Notes: Get your quads ready for another season or get out for a fun day on the slopes. Reasonable prices and short lift lines. This is a great hill for easy to moderate turns, tele or traditional.

SESI - Run/Walk

12/23/2017

Easy A

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 3. Details: SESI run/walk, 3-4 miles, easy flat. Contact leader for meeting time and place.

Cheyenne Mtn State Park

12/23/2017

Moderate A

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 4. Details: Cheyenne Mtn State Park, 4 miles, moderate uphill. Contact leader for meeting time and place.

Snowshoe Class Field Trip

1/6/2018

Moderate BI

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6. Location: Pikes Peak Region. Details: This snowshoe field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. During this trip you will have the opportunity to practice out in the field, swap snowshoes to figure out differences between models, and ask questions about gear and winter trips.

BC Ski Nordic Center Practice

1/7/2018

Moderate I

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 200, Driving Distance 260. Location: Breckenridge Nordic Center. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. The first of three field sessions, this trip will focus on balance and weight transfer with tracked skis at a Nordic Center by demonstrating and practicing drills. If time permits, we will begin progressing to low hills both up and down.

Mount Elbert MLK Weekend Overnight

1/13/2018

Difficult D

Leader: Hoot Gibson, 719-337-1958, coloradoclimber@comcast.net

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 4826, Driving Distance 260. Location: South Mount Elbert Trailhead. Details: *Be prepared for challenging winter conditions.* We will meet at the South Mount Elbert trailhead at noon on Saturday 13 Jan and backpack up to tree line near 11,680' following the snow-covered East Ridge route. We'll camp on snow Saturday night. Sunday we will leave camp at sunrise and hike up to the top of Colorado. We'll return to camp and pack out leaving the trailhead mid to late afternoon. HAMS or equivalent winter experience is required. Standard winter gear including 4-season tent, snowshoes, microspikes, and goggles are required. Sleds are not appropriate for this route. Participants must enjoy being cold. ☺ Notes: David Miller is leading a Denver Group CMC trip (#39498) that will hike and camp with this trip's members. We will arrange for carpools and tent partners as needed in early January.

BC Ski Packed Road Practice

1/14/2018

Moderate II

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 300. Location: Turquoise Lake, CO. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions and the Nordic field session with the Pikes Peak Group. The second of three field sessions, this trip will focus on endurance with efficient kick and glide on a packed road. If time permits, we will also continue to build hill skills both up and down.



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December–January PPG Trips (continued)

Night Ice Climbing Camp Alexander

1/19/2018

Top rope

Leader: Derek Sardinta, 719-761-7051, DASardinta@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Driving Distance 76. Location: Camp Alexander, Eleven Mile Canyon. Details: Front Range Climbing will let us have the wall for four to five hours. They farm the ice with rope lights inside the ice as well as provide other lighting. Depending on ice conditions, the wall has six routes. The cost is \$230 to rent the wall. I am looking to have 10 to 15 climbers split the cost. Individual cost will be determined by the number of participants. I will bring out a stove and portable heater for warmth. We will have chili, warm drinks, and some music. All routes will be on top rope. Please dress accordingly for weather, as it will be cold! If weather or roads become hazardous due to weather, this trip may be rescheduled. Bring a headlamp and all the gear you need to ice climb. If you have a dry rope for ice climbing, please bring it as well.

Crags Area Snowshoe

1/20/2018

Moderate B

Leader: Tony Eichstadt, 740-601-3611, teichstadt@comcast.net

Trail Mileage 4, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 70. Location: We will meet at the Red Rocks Safeway at 3275 W Colorado Avenue, Colorado Springs to form carpools for the drive to the trail head. We will depart from the Safeway parking lot at 8:00 AM. We can stop for people in Woodland Park at the Park & Ride behind Joanie's Deli or in Divide at the Sheriff's office. Please let the Leaders know if you want to meet us in Woodland Park or Divide or at the trailhead. Details: We'll snowshoe a 4-mile loop with about 1000 feet of elevation gain. About half of the loop will be on trail and about half will be off trail. This area normally has good snow in January. We'll begin at the parking area just above the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. We'll hike along the road to the Crags main parking lot and turn left to follow an old wagon road up to a saddle. The saddle normally has nice sun where we will stop for lunch. After lunch, there is a steep north-facing downhill slope that is fun to "glide" or run down if the snow is deep enough. Then we'll turn left to climb an old wagon road to a section of the Ring the Peak trail and then bushwhack back to the parking area. We should be back to the cars by 1:30 or 2:00 PM. This is a very pleasant loop that I first did on a trip led by Bill Brown. Participants in the PPG snowshoe class are encouraged to participate in this trip as it is a good beginner trip. Last year, the National Forest Service closed the road to the Crags on 1-17-2017 and also closed the area where we planned to snow shoe for dead tree removal. If they close this area again this year, we will move our trip a few miles south to the Horse Thief Park area.

BC Ski Packed Trail Practice

1/21/2018

Moderate II

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 1800, Driving Distance 200. Location: Bemrose Creek, CO. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions and the two prior field sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. The third of three field sessions, this trip will focus on endurance and technique on a packed trail. We will spend a lot of time building skills for harder hills in tighter turns.

Ice Climbing-Lake City

1/26/2018

Top rope

Leader: Britt Jones, 719-661-4777, britt@globalreality.biz

Location: Lake City Ice Park. Those who can drive over Friday morning, January 26, will meet at the Safeway on Colorado Ave. and 31st St. at 8:00 a.m. We will leave Colorado Springs and drive to Lake City so we can get in a couple of laps of climbing on Friday afternoon. We will climb most of the day Saturday. Sunday, we will climb until noon, then go back to the cabin to clean up and pack and then drive back home, hopefully leaving Lake City around 1:00 p.m. This is a registration by leader trip. Details: We are staying in a rented cabin in Lake City. The cabin has 5 double beds that sleep two, and 3 single beds that sleep one. So, bed space depends on how many people are sharing a bed with someone. There is also a couch and of course floor space. Please come with a jovial, flexible attitude in case you don't get your bed or room choice! Last year we played Cards Against Humanity. It was hysterical... loads of fun. So, please bring your favorite group game. Also, would each person or couple please sign up for a group meal? This worked out great last year. So let's see if we can plan this out again.

PPG Avalanche Level 1 Field Practice

1/27/2018

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 5, Elevation Gain 400, Driving Distance 200. Location: Details: This two day field session is for those who have completed the two required classroom sessions with the Pikes Peak Group. This two day trip will focus on avalanche evaluation, safe travel skills, and team rescue skills. We will be returning to town between the two field sessions.



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Mount Princeton 2018

MARCH 2–4, 2018

This is an annual weekend of ski, snowshoe, hike, swim, party, and dining adventure at the Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, CO, near the ghost town of St Elmo. It includes two nights' lodging at the resort, dinner on Friday and Saturday nights and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, two complimentary drinks (beer, wine, or soft drink) on Friday night, all the swimming you can get in on the three days, as well as an informal get together Saturday after dinner. Both Saturday and Sunday, after breakfast, CMC leaders will propose trips for all levels of ability. I do not yet have the rates for dinner and lodging for this winter, but if experience is a guide, they will be slightly up from last year, when they were \$265 for double occupancy and \$350 for single occupancy. Non-CMC members pay \$10 more. This is a fun event, attended by members from several CMC groups.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Gertrud (Getty) Nuhn, (719) 473-8868 or Hinuhn@comcast.net, or Becky Zenthoefer, (719) 633-1367 or Beckyzee@comcast.net.

Hut Trip Presentation



TRAVELING TO COLORADO HUTS

Free Presentation!!!

When: Wednesday, December 6th at 6:15pm

Where: Mtn. Chalet 226 N Tejon Street
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Huts are a warm, cozy place to spend a cold winter night. Hear about hut reservations, travel, amenities, and fun things to do, & much more!



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The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.