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Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

January 2021

Happy New Year!

2021: Western Slope Group's 70th Anniversary!

Upcoming events this year will include:

August - Anniversary camping weekend including Mt. Sopris and Thomas Lakes...the first WSG hike! (The group was originally formed in Rifle).

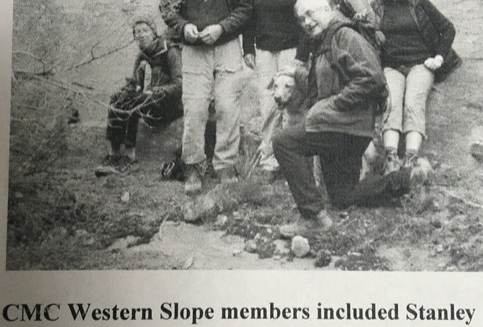
October (or sooner, COVID TBD) - WSG Annual Dinner and anniversary bash!

See the 1962 article below for the history of the WSG, written by Bob Beverly, the first Chair of the WSG.

**We want your trip ideas! Is there a hike or other trip you are interested in? If so, let us know!

**Guests are welcome on most trips with a total of 2 trips allowed as a guest.

friend, Jack, led the way in the red rock canyon country.



CMC Western Slope members included Stanley Nunnally, Doug Underhill, Kim Warthan, Katey Buster, Terry Randall, Jack Randall, Babs Schermier, Allan Conrad, Rick Emanuel and Carolyn Emanuel on that last gray November day.



Conservation Corner

“Multi-use Public Land”

by Ross Mittelman, *WSG Conservation Chair*

During a recent CMC hiking trip in McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA), our group discussed different types of recreational activities and whether or not they were permitted in the area. The NCA, overseen by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is broken up into several different zones. Zone 1 allows camping and motorized recreation where RV's and ATV's dot the landscape. Zone 2, known as Mack Ridge, offers world-class single track trails open to mountain bike enthusiasts and managed to that user group. Zone 3 is considered wilderness, where both motorized and mechanized activities are prohibited with the only backcountry travel occurring by foot or hoof.....>> [READ MORE](#)

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OUTINGS

JANUARY TRIPS (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

[Friday 1/1. WSG 70th Anniversary series: Ridgway State Park Snowshoe.](#) Mod A. Anne Keil.

[Sunday 1/10. Hampton Lake Snowshoe.](#) Mod B, John Broadbooks.

[Monday 1/11. XC Ski on Grand Mesa.](#) Mod II. Roaring Fork Group.

[Saturday 1/30. Ironton Townsite and Colorado Boy Mine Snowshoe.](#) Mod A. Anne Keil.

[Saturday 1/30. XC Ski Ironton Townsite.](#) Mod I. Brenda Leach.

[Friday 1/29-31. Lake City Ice Climbing.](#) Pikes Peak Group.

**All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

Starting July 1 revised COVID policy:

- Group size max of 10 (including trip leader).

- At least 6 feet social distancing required (otherwise use a mask or mouth/nose covering) at the trailhead pre-trip, when passing other recreators, and at the trailhead post-trip.

[Protocols for CMC Trips](#)

[Checklist for Participants, Trip Leaders, and School Directors](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Thursday 1/7. Sharpen Those Tools!](#) State CMC. 6:30-7:30pm Webinar. Fee.

[Tuesday 1/12. Bargain Gear Shopping.](#) 7-8pm Webinar. State CMC.

[Wednesday 1/13. Nutrition for Outdoor Recreators.](#) State CMC. 6-7:30pm Webinar. Fee.

[Thursday 1/14. Patagonia and Antarctica Hiking Slideshow.](#) Roaring Fork Group, 6-6:45pm.

[Tuesday 1/19. Mountain Tops From Around the World.](#) Pikes Peak Group. 7pm Webinar.

[Thursday 1/21. Lessons in Wilderness Survival 6-7:30pm.](#) Webinar. Fee.

[Monday 2/8-11. Volunteer Leadership Virtual Conference.](#) Free for members and leaders!

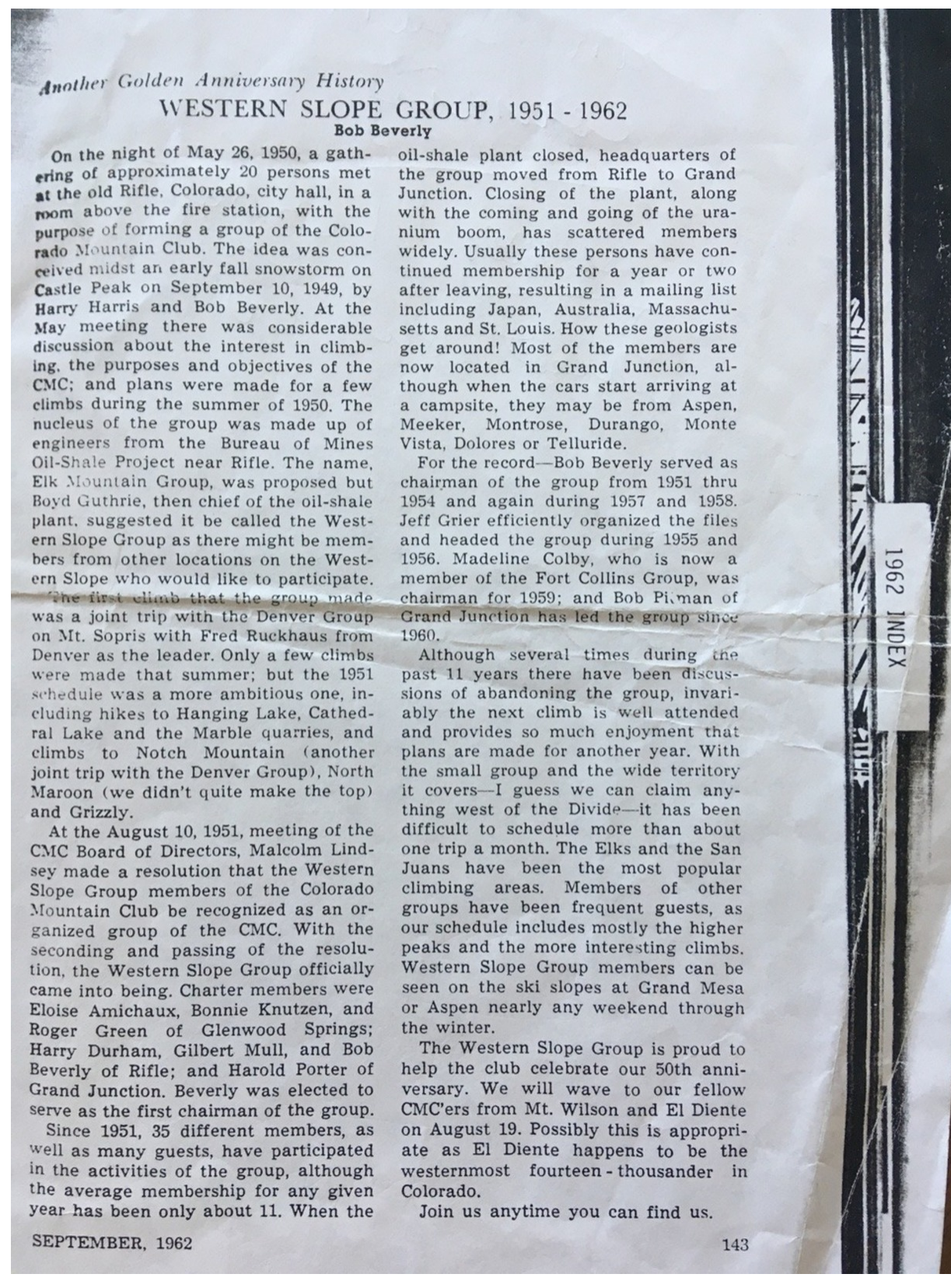
CLASSES

Avalanche Terrain Avoidance:

This seminar consists of pre-course work by students on their own; a two hour presentation by Zoom and a 3-hour field exercise for those who wish to AVOID avalanche terrain. This is particularly important given the high avalanche danger this year. CMC members and non-members are welcome to sign up for one of 2 Zoom presentations -- [Wednesday \(1/13\)](#) and [Tuesday \(2/2\)](#). There is a fee. The currently scheduled field sessions are at Jones Pass (close to Berthoud Pass). A field session will be scheduled for the Western Slope. Date is TBD.

Wilderness First Aid is now a hybrid 16-hour online plus a 1-day in-person field class. This serves as both an initial certification and recertification. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and 5 spots each class are free for leaders with online application and pre trip commitment in 2 years. Western Slope field day location TBD due to COVID distancing precautions. More info [here](#) and dates will be added regularly when distancing restrictions are lowered.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of online modules and one training hike plus wilderness first aid. Self paced online class portion of trip leader training is now available. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.



Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

The Roaring Fork Group (formerly the Aspen Group) of the CMC also has a newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter, send a request to roaringforkcmc@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the **Newsletter Editor**. We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2021 Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Karen Mann (Montrose)

Conservation Chair: Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The meeting schedule for 2021 is January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. The location will be determined closer to the meeting date. It could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. WSG members are welcome to attend.

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.

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