President's Corner

by Gudy Gaskill

If the snow keeps piling up, we'll have a repeat of three summers ago when huge snowbanks choked Georgia Pass and Ten Mile on the east end and closed Kennebec Pass and Indian Trail Ridge on the west end. July 1 saw the first stragglers through on either end. It's almost a sure bet that Ann's Pass on the Gunnison Spur will have an enormous cornice blocking the way. It should make some interesting challenges!

Amazing Feat

I just reread Brian Vorachek's account of his mind-boggling record that he set on The Colorado Trail last summer. Quoting him: "I have experience in long-distance events; for example, I have biked from Anchorage, Alaska, to Key West, Florida, in 100 days; I backpacked the Pacific Crest Trail...

The CT Web Site

by Merle McDonald

The Colorado Trail Foundation now has a site on the World Wide Web. Address: www.arrowhead.net/org/coloradotrail/ Arrowhead owner Mark Mays is donating the page, and Tom Voce created the initial artwork and turned it over to us. Richard Nolde has agreed to become our Web master. The site is still developing while Richard comes up to speed, but watch for great things to happen over the next few months. Richard can be reached via Internet E-mail: Richard.Nolde@Yale.edu. Pass your ideas on what you would like to see on our Web page to Richard, or to me at Compuserve address 73313,3313. One of the first things we will add is our summer crew schedule, and we will periodically update the fill status.
Tread Lines

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in five months, and I have been a technical rock climber for 15 years, with a background of doing speed ascents of alpine and big walls in Colorado, California, and Nevada. THE CT WAS BY FAR THE MOST DEMANDING PHYSICAL ADVENTURE OF MY LIFE!” What a story!

CT Official Song

The official song of the CT is Carol Johnson’s “The Colorado Trail.” If you haven’t ordered your audiotape yet, you’ve missed a happy feeling. I play it while I’m driving and momentarily transfer myself back into the flower bedecked meadows, while in the middle of a city traffic snarl. Give it to yourself for a belated Valentine’s gift. At $5.75 postpaid, you deserve two.

Summer Programs

We have good feelings about our summer programs. All of you should have received your trail crew schedules as well as the trek schedules. This year offers the SMALLEST number of trail crews that we’ve had in over 10 years. They are sure to fill up fast—as will the treks. Lila Miller says that once again a drawing for winners will be held. Winners are the lucky ones who get chosen to go on the treks. If you have a family, don’t overlook the family outing, with its special rates for each additional family member. Kids will get to hike, climb, swim, fish, visit a fish hatchery, and maybe even get to run a wild river.

The watercolor class is a new addition. If you’ve ever wanted to start to create late in life (Churchill was a great example), here is your chance! The CTF Educational Facility (cabin) is set in a dramatic part of the San Juans southwest of Lake City. Fishing and hiking abound, or just lazing around and enjoying the scenery is another option. Margaret Barge will instruct all levels of students, and we’ve planned fun activities. Treat yourself.

The geology class may be offered as a graduate-level course. All of you who need to take additional graduate classes in the summer, the Molas Pass camp cannot be matched for beauty, brilliant sunrises on the lake, and incredible views. We’re camped right next to The Colorado Trail and happy fishing in the lake. Dr. Jack Campbell knows the geology of the San Juans inside out. A mind-opening class set in a cradle of intense beauty. It is never too late to learn and expand one’s knowledge.

Donations of Time and Talents

My thanks to Jerry Albright for donating additional sketches that were used for new cards. We’re just bursting with new things and ideas for 1997. Become part of our great volunteer force. We’ll need extra help in our National Trails month of June. A few weeks ago we stuffed the crew schedules (into envelopes) and welcomed three new faces: Todd Heppler (a through hiker last summer) and Fay and David Trudell. We thank you and the Greenesins and Pat Nagorka for assisting, as we had to make changes by hand. Glen Kepler is still doing the labels and mailings alone and could use an extra body for a couple of hours every three months. If you live in Lakewood, it would be next door to you.

We need to give more slide shows, to show off the beauty of this state to our fellow Coloradans. If you belong to a church or club and are looking for a program, please call Col. Wendell Phillips at (303) 421-4956.

We will need the opportunity to sell books or T-shirts at the show.

Carol Skoff, from Arvada, is our volunteer CT Store shipper. Carol has a full-time job and still finds time on weekends to get the orders filled. Sometimes we are out of a color and the shipment is delayed. We apologize for the delay. As I, who do the ordering, am often not aware that we

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are out of an item—so then it takes two or three weeks before the reordered items are again stocked. Thanks for your patience! (We volunteers need some time off too.) We have brick-colored T-shirts again. There was such a demand for them that we found a supplier that handled the color.

**Ski Tour**

By the time that you receive this issue of *Tread Lines*, the San Juan ski tour will be completed. We had a full house and GREASAI snow. John Wilson graciously hosted each group for one night in his beautiful new Lake City log home. Thanks, John—for a clean bath and comfy sofa after being out in the wilderness for eight days.

**Mystery Trip and Thank You to Supporters**

The “mystery trip” personal invitation will be sent out in early March to (only) long-time supporters of The Colorado Trail. It’s our way of saying thanks for your visionary support. Also, many thanks to all of you who renewed your support of the CT during this past month. It was most gratifying. We’re coming closer to seeing the South Platte Canyon bridge become a reality.

**On the Road to Recovery**

Charlotte Brier, that well-known helpful voice behind the telephone, has recently undergone a hip replacement and is recovering speedily. One of our many volunteers who have hiked the whole Colorado Trail, Charlotte has been answering questions from all over the world during the long summer months and whenever I am out of town. Praises have been many for the extraordinary amount of time she spends to research questions unrelated to The Colorado Trail but essential for the voice on the other end of the phone. Hurry back, Charlotte—summer’s a-comin’!

**New Guide Book Edition Out**

The fifth edition to Randy Jacobs’ *The Colorado Trail: The Official Guide Book* is out and at the bookstores. It includes several new updated maps, new phone numbers, new services, and an update on the new trail reroutes. This is the second edition for Westcliffe Publishers to print, hence the cover stating that this is the second edition (fifth for the Foundation). There is also a new color photo on the front, depicting a dramatic shot of the entrance to Elk Creek. The price has not gone up.

**Supplement**

A new supplement to the guidebook is being written by Melanie Barcitski, a 1996 solo CT through hiker. The supplement will give inside news of activities planned by towns along the way along with their dates, and choices of amenities in towns. In addition, it will provide information regarding additional water locations, distances between points, and a woman’s viewpoint on hiking the trail, and will point out additional historical sites, pet restrictions (and where), as well as favorite spots. If you have hiked the trail and would like to see additional information that you could supply, please send your suggestions and material to Gudy at 548 Pine Song Trail, Golden, CO 80401. Signage recommendations—as defined by the host program and questionnaire—are being addressed.

**Think Tank**

The Board of Directors approved the concept of having a group of volunteers meet two or three times for a jam session on the future of The Colorado Trail. We would explore ideas on marketing (or not marketing), new programs, archives, storage, memberships or contributors, social events, additional educational classes, use of the Educational Facility, services (transportation of goods and bodies) for users, fund-raising events, National Trails Day events, problem areas on the trail, user conflicts, and so forth. There are so many topics that just about anyone could have input. However, we need new, constructive ideas—ideas that other trail systems might have conceived and implemented. If you are interested in meeting with a group of fellow “creative thinkers,” we would like to meet on the 12th of April for an afternoon session. Who knows—you might win the prize for the most creative doable idea! Call the CTF at (303) 526-0809 and leave your name, address, and phone number, and you will be contacted regarding the location of the meeting in the Denver area.

**New Leaders Dates**

We are recruiting new leaders. If you have ever been on a trail crew and think that you would like to be a leader, let us know which crew you were on. With the former leader’s consent, you will receive an invitation to the trail maintenance seminar on June 14 and the all-day leaders’ meeting on June 21. They will be both educational and fun. All new leaders must colead a crew before becoming a leader.

**Irene Cazer, 20-Year Leader**

Irene Cazer recently celebrated her 80th birthday at a surprise birthday party hosted by her children. Almost one hundred guests enjoyed the stories about this energetic “young” lady.

Irene has been with The Colorado Trail for over 20 years as a leader and a cook par excellence. She is considering retiring from her week’s crew obligation while she’s still ahead! That’s an inspiration. Irene will continue to host work committees at her Denver home, as well as be a telephone caller. CONGRATULATIONS! You are truly an inspiration!
January 1997

Dear Friend of the Colorado Trail,

This letter is to announce our new 1997 schedule of the Colorado Trail crews and to provide an opportunity for you to sign up to help us continue work on the Colorado Trail system this summer. We have scheduled 15 week long crews and 1 weekend crew. The dates and locations are listed in the schedule. We invite you to join as many crews as you wish. Everyone is welcome! Our CT Summer Trek schedule is also enclosed.

The following is a brief review of what is involved when you work on a trail crew: you must be at least 16 years of age and in good physical condition. Younger persons will be accepted if accompanied by an adult. No previous trail building experience is required. You need to bring are your sleeping bag, tent, eating utensils, work clothing and personal items. Food, cooking utensils, hard hats, tools, and supplies will be furnished by the Colorado Trail Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service.

You will be asked to be at the meeting place by early Saturday afternoon, unless otherwise noted. Workdays are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays are free for hiking, fishing, and enjoying the wilderness. Some time on Sunday will be devoted to safety demonstrations and an introduction to trail building, with the rest of the day free.

If you wish to join one or more crews this summer, indicate your choice of dates and work locations on the enclosed registration form. Please use a separate sheet of paper for each person registering. (Duplicating the form is encouraged, but including the requested information on a separate blank sheet of paper is acceptable.) Then send the form(s) together with your $35 per person registration fee to the address noted. We will confirm your reservation in writing within 30 days. Later we will send you the details you will need to arrange travel plans to your crew’s meeting place. About 4 weeks before your crew begins, we will send you a packet containing details of what to bring, emergency telephone contact numbers, and a crew roster (in case you want to share a ride, need a ride, etc.)

As a matter of information, your $35 per person registration fee is used to help defray costs relating to publicity and registration, such as printing, postage, stationery, etc. The registration fee and costs you incur traveling to the meeting place are considered tax-deductible contributions. Please note that the $35 registration fee is nonrefundable should you later have to cancel your reservation.

Our Educational Facility located 20 miles southwest of Lake City will host our biology course again this year the week of July 19-26. A watercoloring course will be held there the week of July 26. The geology course will probably qualify for teachers’ continuing education requirement. Details can be found on page 7.

Thank you very much for your interest in The Colorado Trail. In addition to continuing work on the main route this summer, we will be working on (and completing) a 50-mile spur route to Gunnison. You are an important link in the effort, and we appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time and talents to The Colorado Trail. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

The Colorado Trail Foundation
US Forest Service

[Registration forms can be obtained from the registrar at (303) 688-2299.]
THE COLORADO TRAIL FOUNDATION
1997
SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK CREW SCHEDULE

Trail crew dates and work locations for the summer of 1997 are listed below. Each volunteer is responsible for his or her own transportation to the meeting place noted. The meeting time for week-long crews will be early in the afternoon of the first Saturday. Weekend crews will meet Friday evening or early Saturday morning. The crews are designated "Drive-in," "Jeep-in," and "Backpack."

"Drive-in" indicates those crews where a conventional auto can be driven directly to the trail crew camp.

The "Jeep-in" designation means the camp is not normally accessible by conventional vehicles or that muddy roads may preclude taking conventional vehicles to the campsite. You will be provided a place to park, and transportation from that point to camp will be provided by 4-wheel drive vehicles. If too few 4wd vehicles are available, you may be asked to hike into the campsite. In this case, your gear will be transported for you. Of course, if you have a 4wd vehicle, you may drive yourself and others in.

The "Backpack" designation means that your camp has no road access. You will be expected to pack your gear (tent, sleeping bag, etc.) into these camps with your own personal backpack. Pack animals on the "Backpacks" will carry the camp's community food and cooking equipment only. Any additional goodies that you bring along must be carried in by you. Mountain bicyclists are encouraged to participate in backpacking work crews.

When signing up, please indicate your choice of crews by specifying the Crew Number, Date, and Crew Name. You may sign up for as many crews as you wish for the single $35 per person registration fee ($15 for weekend crews). Payment of the registration fee must accompany your registration request. Make your check payable to THE COLORADO TRAIL FOUNDATION, and note in the lower left corner of the check "Registration Fee." We will confirm your reservation by return mail. Crews are filled first come, first served, based on the date the registration fee is received. If you are confirmed for one of your requested crews, the registration fee becomes nonrefundable. Jon and Marilyn Greeneisen Ph 303-688-2299 will be our registrars again this year. The Greeneisens will be glad to advise on the registration status of any crew during the registration period. If you wish to be on a crew with specific other volunteers, please so state on your registration form.

Week-Long Crews

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<td>June 15-21</td>
<td>Educational Facility</td>
<td>Drive-in: Will continue the maintenance on the CTF Educational Facility located 21 miles SW of Lake City. Will continue to level the terrain around the cabin, haul rocks for raising the height of the retaining wall beside the cabin, and construct additional out-of-sight parking areas and continue driveway improvement. Site elevation 11,000 ft. Cabin will be used as kitchen only. Volunteers will sleep in their individual tents around the area.</td>
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<td>June 21-28</td>
<td>Platte River 1 South</td>
<td>Drive-in: South Platte River Bridge Replacement Construction Must be willing and able to wade across the 75-foot-wide South Platte River. (Maximum depth 30 inches) Will construct trail along the west bank of the river and construct bridge pylons on both sides of the river. Site elevation 6,500 ft.</td>
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<td>June 28-29</td>
<td>Chalk Creek Reroute</td>
<td>Drive-in: Will construct a very difficult section of test trail to determine suitability of terrain for a possible CT reroute away from 5 miles of road walking around the Chalk Cliffs. Construction will be in a very steep area. Not for the faint of heart. There will be a one-mile off-trail hike each day to the work area. Camp elevation 8,400 ft. Work area 9,600 ft. (Mt. Princeton Hot Springs nearby.</td>
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<td>Cochetopa Hills 1 Saguache RD Ldr Phil Smith ☏ 303-688-9638</td>
<td><strong>Drive-in:</strong> Trail rehab along the crest of the Continental Divide in the vicinity of Sargent’s Mesa. Also part of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.</td>
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<td>July 5-12</td>
<td>Gunnison Spur Cebolla/Taylor RD Ldr Gudy Gaskill ☏ 303-526-0809</td>
<td><strong>Drive-in:</strong> Mobile Trail Rehab Crew for the Gunnison Spur from Gunnison to Taylor Park. Will touch up and sign the Gunnison Spur from Gunnison to Taylor Park. Will involve both considerable driving and walking each day.</td>
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<td>July 12-19</td>
<td>Taylor Park Cebolla/Taylor RD Ldr Ernie Werren ☏ 970-262-2549</td>
<td><strong>Drive-in:</strong> Will construct the section of the Gunnison Spur from the Taylor River bridge to the Illinois Creek section. This will complete the Gunnison Spur.</td>
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<td>July 19-26</td>
<td>Cochetopa Hills 2 Saguache RD Ldr Phil Smith ☏ 303-688-9638</td>
<td><strong>Drive-in:</strong> Same as 5 above. Trail rehab along the crest of the Continental Divide.</td>
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<td>July 19-26</td>
<td>Cumberland Basin 1 Columbine RD Ldr Joe Slack ☏ 303-443-1762</td>
<td><strong>Jeep-in:</strong> To parking area at the head of La Plata Canyon, then hike ¼ mile to campsite. Will renovate trail north on Indian Trail Ridge from where we left off last year. Will require lots of walking to and from work site. Campsite 11,400 ft. elevation, Indian Trail Ridge 12,200 ft. Distance to and from work site two to three miles.</td>
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<td>July 26 to Aug 2</td>
<td>Cumberland Basin 2 Columbine RD Ldr Merle McDonald ☏ 719-599-4288</td>
<td><strong>Jeep-in:</strong> Same as 9 above.</td>
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<td>Aug 9-16</td>
<td>DC Oakes High School Project Saguache RD Ldr Phil Smith ☏ 303-688-9638</td>
<td><strong>Drive-in:</strong> Will continue last year’s rehab project near Lujan Creek. Driving may be difficult during rain. Camp elevation 10,400.</td>
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<td>Aug 2-9</td>
<td>Coney Peak 1 Rio Grande RD Ldr Jon Greeneisen ☏ 303-688-2299</td>
<td><strong>Jeep-in:</strong> Build new trail from the pass at the top of Wager Gulch to Coney Peak. 4wd vehicles needed. Wager Gulch is a 4 mile long steep, rocky jeep road. Will camp near the old Carson town site at 11,400 ft. elevation. Work area 1½ miles away at 12,400 to 12,900. Can drive to work site with 4wd.</td>
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<td>Aug 9-16</td>
<td>Coney Peak 2 Rio Grande RD Ldr Gene Cash ☏ 402-291-3246</td>
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<td>Aug 9-16</td>
<td>Cascade Creek 1 Columbine RD Ldr Merle McDonald ☏ 719-599-4258</td>
<td><strong>Backpack:</strong> Jeep-in to trailhead, then backpack 4½ miles to campsite at unnamed lake. Backpack section descends 600 feet to Cascade Creek and then climbs 600 ft. up to campsite. Campsite elevation 11,400 ft. Will continue trail improvement between campsite and Cascade Creek.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Aug 16-23</td>
<td>Cascade Creek 2 Columbine RD Ldr Harriet Patton ☏ 303-985-3280</td>
<td><strong>Backpack:</strong> Same as 14 above.</td>
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**Only one weekend crew this year.** May 31-June 1 near the burned-out Top-of-the-World Campground. Will rehab the CT through the Buffalo Creek fire burn area. Joe Slack will be the leader. Phone 303-443-1762.
Three Courses Offered for Summer 1997

Flora of the San Juan Mountains, July 20–July 26, 1997

This course will examine the subalpine and alpine plants near the Colorado Trail Foundation’s Educational Facility in Burrow’s Park. The diversity, distribution, and dynamics of plant communities will be explored. An emphasis will be the use of keys to identify the trees and wildflowers of the subalpine forests and meadows as well as the alpine tundra. For the more fit, there will be the option of hiking a fourteener (or two). Dr. John Sowell, Associate Professor of Botany at Western State College, will be the instructor. College credit is available through Western State College at additional cost (1 semester credit).

Watercolors in the San Juan Mountains, July 27–August 2, 1997

This course will give students the opportunity to sketch and paint the landscapes and wildflowers of the area. The Educational Facility, a lovely log cabin set in the shadow of two 14,000-foot peaks, with a mountain stream in the valley below, offers incredible and tantalizing landscapes right from the small front deck! Beginners will learn sketching, color mixing, and how to control the media. Intermediate and advanced students will learn how to improve their work with individual help in problem solving and daily critique. With so much inspiring beauty, palette choices will be hard to make.

Margaret Barge, artist and teacher from Durango, will be the instructor. Margaret, who has taught classes for over 20 years, teaches a Watercolor Week and other classes for Fort Lewis Elder Hostel and Getaway Programs. She has exhibited in many galleries and won many awards. Students will sleep in their own tents, will eat on tables on the patio or deck, and will be given a list of supplies to bring. In inclement weather, the cabin will be used for a classroom. Even if you don’t paint your dream masterpiece, this is a glorious retreat. Evening will include star gazing, a sing-along by the campfire, a full-moon walk, a wildflower lecture, and an evening of historic tales.

Geology of the San Juan Mountains, August 3–August 9, 1997

This course will focus on the geologic features along The Colorado Trail as it traverses through the San Juan Mountains. The geologic history of southwestern Colorado and the glacial features, volcanism, structural geology, and mining geology of the San Juans will be explored. Hiking will be along The Colorado Trail near Molas Pass. Dr. Jack Campbell, Professor of Geology at Fort Lewis College, will be the instructor. For K–12 educators, this class may be available for graduate credit through Adams State College at additional cost (1 semester credit). We hope that a final decision on the availability of graduate credit will be made by early April.

Considering the terrain and elevation, expect strenuous day hikes from the camps. Gudy Gaskill will manage the camps for all courses. Whether at the Educational Facility in Burrow’s Park or the base camp at Molas Pass, bountiful, nutritious meals are provided as well as other camp luxuries such as sheltered meeting areas. Expect great camaraderie with other outdoor lovers like yourself during an informative and enjoyable week. The fee for each course is $290 per person. Attend one course or all three! For further information or registration materials, please contact

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What Is a Colorado Trail Trek?

_The following is a copy of a letter that is sent to people who inquire about The Colorado Trail treks sponsored by the Colorado Trail Foundation._

Hosts: Steve Gladbach, Lynn Mattingly, and George and Lila Miller

Thank you for your inquiry regarding The Colorado Trail and the 1997 Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF) trail treks. Enclosed is a brochure with information and a map of The Colorado Trail.

To participate in a trek, you will need to be a "Friend of The Colorado Trail." People who donate to the nonprofit Colorado Trail Foundation are considered "Friends of The Colorado Trail." See the enclosed brochure for more information on The Colorado Trail Foundation and the various categories of support available.

Friends of The Colorado Trail receive quarterly newsletters concerning The Colorado Trail Foundation people and activities. The winter newsletter is the official announcement of the trek schedule and has detailed information of trek itineraries and enrollment information. Trek itineraries and enrollment information are also available by mail after publication of the newsletter. Copies of these have been enclosed for your convenience.

Treks are scheduled for 6 to 8 weeks from late June through mid-August. The treks are very popular, and more applications are received than can be accommodated. This problem is solved by a drawing that is held in March. The names that are not drawn are put on a waiting list should a cancellation occur.

Mail donations and general inquiries to The Colorado Trail Foundation, P.O. Box 260876, Lakewood, CO 80226-0876. The newsletter lists trek and work crew dates, which sections of the CT are to be trekked and/or worked, how to enroll, and other pertinent information. See the brochure for appropriate donation amount.

The treks are hosted by CTF representatives. We are experienced and knowledgeable trekkers, familiar with The Colorado Trail, _we are not professional mountain guides_. Steve is a high school teacher, Lynn is a quilt artist, George is a cabinet maker, and Lila is a bookkeeper. Other crew members include a tutor, an assortment of retired professionals, and college and high school students.

Our treks allow you to hike 10-20 miles a day on The Colorado Trail (CT) while carrying only a day pack. Your tent and other gear will be transported to the other end of the day's hike where a crew will set up a base camp including a kitchen tent, toilet, and, when possible, a shower. We plan and cook all meals; we serve a high carbohydrate diet with special consideration given to those who inform us about unusual dietary needs. On a typical day you will wake about 6:15, break down your tent and pack your gear. Next you assemble your lunch from food we supply and have breakfast. The following 45 minutes involve breaking down the base camp and loading the trucks, a hectic but necessary part of the day. We leave camp about 8:00 to 8:30 while the crew moves camp and sets up on the other end. Typically, we hike until 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon, with everyone setting their own pace. There is a front leader and a rear leader, and as long as you stay between them, you can hike and rest as you wish. However, stronger hikers will have to stop periodically to let us regroup, and slower hikers cannot plan on lying down for naps.

Generally, CTF trekkers enjoy their experience, we have many repeat guests. However, our treks are not for everyone. CTF treks are very much a social event, and those who like to meet new people and visit around the campfire usually enjoy CTF treks. The key to having a good time is being flexible! When working with 20-25 people to coordinate meals, gear, etc., things often do not go as planned. Some days we get started late, other days a truck might break down, and still others we might wander off the trail for awhile. All of these things have happened to us (and more!). But, good spirits allow all of these experiences to be part of the fun.

We expect each CTF trekker to be in good physical condition. You should be able to hike over 15 miles comfortably. On days that you are tired you may opt to ride with the camp crew and enjoy a short hike or a rest day after camp has been moved. Do not expect to get in shape on the trail, do plenty of hiking beforehand to prepare. We have led trekkers from 12 to 80 years old, with the majority over age 45. The keys to a fun trip are conditioning and flexibility.

All of us are very proud of the treks we host. Feel free to give any of us a call or drop a line and we will be happy to visit with you.

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SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING REGISTRATION TO LILA**
1997 COLORADO TRAIL TREKS

This summer we will be offering 6 weeks of supported treks on The Colorado Trail. Trekkers will hike with only a day pack. The support crew will set up and operate the community camp each night and transport your personal gear from campsite to campsite. Please note we are trying an “outing week” to encourage those with youngsters (or nieces and nephews or grandchildren, etc.) to join us. This week also offers climbing opportunities for family members and other adults.

Leaders for the treks will include Steve Gladbach, Lynn Mattingly, George Miller, Nicki Rosa, and Lila Miller.

*****Note: Elevation gains are rough estimates that include only the major climbs: some days have as much as 20% more. Hiking The Colorado Trail involves lots of climbing *****

WEEK 1 Kenosha Pass to Wurtz Ditch (5 miles west of Tennessee Pass)
Moderate difficulty with two advanced days/Limit 17 guests.

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WEEK 3 Outing July 13-19
Moderate difficulty for family activities/Very Advanced Difficulty for Climbs/Limit 20 guests.

The Outing Week will be held in the Upper Arkansas Valley near Clear Creek, surrounded by high peaks. This area abounds in opportunities for a variety of activities for all age groups. Families and individuals will set up in their own tents near the communal tents. All activities will radiate from this base camp. Planned activities will include short hikes (fishing or interpretive) each day, longer days for older children and adults on sections of The Colorado Trail, and climbing of the surrounding high peaks for adults. Additional activities such as horseback riding, four wheel drives, rafting, driving to town to shop, etc., are available at your own expense. Families and individuals will be free to plan their own activities on any given day if they so desire. Some evenings will include campfire activities. Each child needs to be paired with an adult to supervise the child’s activities. Suggested age range is 7 and above.

The CTF will provide all food and cooking as well as planned activities and leadership for each activity. Some details on some of the planned activities and additional activities we are hoping to offer have yet to be worked out. That information should be available soon.

If you decide to join us for this week, please call and give us input to plan activities appealing to you and your youngsters.

IF THE OUTING WEEK IS NOT FILLED BY MAY 1, 1997, IT WILL BE CANCELED.
### WEEK 4  Fooses Creek (Hwy. 50) to Eddiesville Trailhead (In La Garita Mts.)
Moderate difficulty with 1 advanced day/Limit 17 guests

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### WEEK 5  San Luis Pass to Molas Pass
Advanced difficulty/Limit 12 guests

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### WEEK 6  Molas Pass to Durango
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### 1997 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
By March 22, call or write Lila Miller at the address given below and request a registration form. Lila will send you a form by March 31. By April 10, send $100 deposit per person and the registration form to Lila. On April 19, a lottery drawing will be held to fill slots on each trek. Results of the drawing will be mailed to you by April 25. Indicating a second or third choice on the registration form will increase your chances of a slot. Persons not selected will have their original reservation checks returned at this time.

PLEASE NOTE: These dates have been changed to coincide with the publication of Tread Lines.

### Costs
A. $350 for each week (+ a one time donation of $25 for those who are not already a 1997 Friend of The Colorado Trail)
B. Outing Week: 1st family member, $300; 2nd family member, $225; each additional family member, $150 (+ $50 Family Friend of The Colorado Trail donation if not already a 1997 Family contributor)
C. Outing Week: Individuals, $300 (+ $25 Friend of The Colorado Trail donation if not already a 1997 Friend)
*(Editors' note: The CTF does not have memberships. It is sustained by the work of volunteers and the donations of Friends and Supporters.)

A $100 registration fee as described above is due at the time of application to reserve a space. The balance of the cost is due by May 1. There is a $75 fee for cancellation before June 1—after June 1, the cancellation fee is $125.

Please be aware that your check may be slow in getting through the system and clearing your bank, due to the CTF's all volunteer method of operation.

Make Checks Payable to The Colorado Trail Foundation. Send all correspondence regarding registration to:
Lila Miller, 737 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829 Ph. (719) 685-1278
Report from the San Juans

Just a quick note to let you know how things went in the San Juans during the summer of '96. After digging out from the great blizzard of '97, 40.5" in 48 hours, I thought about the CT and the folks who worked on it. My sincere thanks to all of you who helped us here in the San Juans.

6/26: Junction Creek maintenance crew, led by Ken Marshall, took a day and cleared trail while riding mountain bikes through to Junction Creek Then Ken et al. backpacked to do further maintenance. To finish up, Ken and the gang went back down to Wall's Gulch Bridge and worked back up to the top.

7/7-7/11: Elk Creek maintenance crew, led by Tom Bowser, had beautiful weather, less snow, and everyone made it to the Continental Divide this year. (I was sure glad that we didn't have many trees down on the trail—unlike in the summer of '95. Of course that was the year that I took a leave of absence!)

7/20-7/26: Cumberland Basin #1, led by Joe Slack, did a new reroute around a sensitive site, moved and placed barricades to close some old roads that access the CT, placed water bars on the Slidrock/Kennebec section, and pulled in berms plus widened the tread above Taylor Lake. Everyone worked hard, and the views were spectacular.

7/27-8/2: Cumberland Basin #2, led by Merle McDonald, continued on the CT from Taylor Lake up to Indian Trail Ridge. Heavy maintenance, similar to Joe Slack's crew, was on the agenda, and everyone worked hard. That hike up each day really got the heart/lungs working!

8/6: Bolam Pass maintenance crew, led by Malcolm Wentling, returned and ran maintenance from Celebration Lake to Hotel Draw for us again this year. I missed you guys again this year, however, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

8/10-8/16: Cascade Creek #1, led by Lynn Mattingly, began working from the CT/White Creek Trail junction toward Cascade Creek. A tremendous amount of rock came out of that section of trail. New trail, with switchbacks, was started in order to lower the grade. Everyone pounded dirt and rocks—plus the work in the sun for two days was a hard regimen.

8/17-8/23: Cascade Creek #2, led by George Miller, picked up where Lynn's crew left off and completed that section of new reroute. Lots of dirt, rocks, and trees were moved to get the job completed. There is another section that needs to be worked in order to bring the trail to grade. That work is slated for '97. Come join us!

My thanks to Laurie Gruel and the SJMA for adopting the CT from the Junction Creek Trailhead to Gudy’s Rest. They sent some YCEP student volunteers and worked with us on maintaining the trail.

My thanks to Ken Marshall, Denise Apperson, Maynard Brandsma, Ron Camp, Paul Gallemore, Chuck Eppinger, Ellis Robinson, Cindy Ortman, and Karl Deterding for adopting and maintaining the CT from Champion Ventures Road to Gudy’s Rest.

My thanks to Lynn Mattingly, Joan VanDenbos, and Lee Blackwell for adopting and maintaining the CT from Celebration Lake to Rolling Pass.

My thanks to Bill Manning and Trails 2000 for adopting and maintaining the CT from Molas Lake to Elk Park.

My thanks to Zea and Rich Beaver, Jean Mann, and Cottie Morrison for adopting and maintaining the CT from FS 550 to Orphan Butte.

My thanks to Malcolm Wentling, John Fusie, Brandon Fusie, Rand Moritzky, Scott Eberhard, Jerry Pederson, and Theresa Kemp for adopting and maintaining the CT from Celebration Lake to Hotel Draw.

My thanks to Larry Mack for adopting and maintaining the CT from Orphan Butte to Kennebec Pass.

My thanks to Larry and Dawn White, Tom Bowser, Earl Beach, Ken Stagner, and Larry and Delynne Kuhn for adopting and maintaining the CT from Elk Park to the Continental Divide. Also, take advantage of the log bridges that have been placed over each major crossing—go upstream each time and you should find them. They're all natural according to Larry and the team.

My thanks to Ted LaMay for adopting the CT from Kennebec Pass to Slidrock. Ted sure could use some help next year—anybody wish to volunteer?

Once again, my thanks to you all. We have asked for four crews in the San Juans for '97. I hope to see some of you again. If our paths cross, don’t be strangers.

If you’re in the area, give me a call. I’m not a bed and breakfast, but I may be able to accommodate some of you or help you with accommodations.

Respectfully,

Larry Johnson
U.S.F.S. Columbine District
Taylor Bridge, Crew #2 Report

by Ernie Werren, Crew Leader

The crew gathered on Saturday, June 22, 1996, at the campsite used the previous year for the 1995 crew. The site is in Taylor Park across the road from Dinner Station Campground, just a few miles from Taylor Reservoir, and near the new CT bridge over the Taylor River. Tents were set up, "plumbing" installed (the john tent and the sun shower enclosures), and everything was made ready for a week of comfortable camping in an ideal site with fantastic views of the Sawatch Range. Saturday night, our Cajun cook, Ruby Taylor, prepared a great spicy seafood gumbo, to set the tone of culinary elegance for the week.

Summit County was well represented by Pat and John Taylor, Frank and Jennie Schrage, Steve and Sue Enderlin, Ray Bezanson, Ernie Werren and Barbara Wegner. Poncha Springs mayor, Ruby Taylor, was our cook. Husband, Gene Taylor, helped with everything. The Front Range was represented by Tom and Celeste Noble, Claire Foote, and Ted Rohweder. Laura Farmer and Mary Lou McKinnon came from the Western Slope, and Monia and John Yust came the furthest of all, from Florida. (They found out about us in a catalog of "volunteer-vacations.")

After a short orientation and safety meeting on Sunday morning, several hiked toward Lake Pass, others fished, and Ernie and Barb hiked the trail on the west side of the new bridge to check out its condition (fairly good, with some fallen logs that needed to be sawed and removed). The primary job of this crew was to complete the approaches to the bridge that had been set in place by helicopters from Fort Carson last fall.

Sunday afternoon we had our "formal" dedication ceremony. Contributors Walt and Shirley Harris from Fort Morgan were guests, as were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Venard, Dale Kaup (who designed the bridge foundations) and wife, Shelley, and boys.

"Wheelbarrowers," moving tons of sand and gravel into place. John T. was chief culvert builder, with able help from Ray, Tom, and Pat, and everyone else carried bucketfuls of rocks 'til their backs ached and their arms about fell off. The bridge approaches and connecting trails were completed ahead of time, by mid-afternoon on Tuesday.

Wednesday was another gorgeous day and everyone did their "day-off" thing. Pat, Barb, Mary Lou, John, and Monia hiked to 12,500 ft. Lake Ann Pass (John and Monia's "personal high" !) The rest either headed to the nearby metropolis, Crested Butte, or went fishing.

It rained off and on all Wednesday night, which made for a muddy four-wheel-drive trip into Dustin Gulch on Thursday, where the crew completed a new half-mile section of trail, built cairns, and put up signs on existing parts of the trail.

At 3:30 AM on Friday, to our astonishment, we were serenaded by wolves and loons! Most of the work was done by Friday morning, but some of the crew finished cleaning up downed timber on parts of the trail, and put up more signs. Gene and Ruby caught many fish (John, Frank, and Steve caught a few), which made for great appetizers for our dinner that night. Many of the crew hiked to Taylor Lake, which involved some "fun" stream crossings, hiking in the
Annual Board Meeting Report

by Gudy Gaskill

The annual board meeting was held on January 18 in Denver. The 12 board members present were Chris Abston, treasurer; Gudy Gaskill, president; Steve Gladbach; John Greeneisen, trail crew coordinator; Sam Guyton; Ted LaMay; Stuart MacDonald; Merle McDonald, vice president; George Miller; John Sowell; Tom Thompson; and Denise Wright. Ernie Werren was not able to attend. All officers were elected to another term. There are two vacancies on the board. Chris Abston’s treasurer’s report was welcome. The Financial Committee will set up an endowment fund for the future of maintaining The Colorado Trail. Sales of maps and books have been earmarked over the years for the ongoing maintenance of the trail.

George Miller was given authority to purchase two enclosed trailers for transportation of equipment and supplies that can also be used in the winter for storage of tents and tables. George will spend about $2,000 this spring on additional/replacement equipment.

Pat Nagorka gave an itemized report on food purchases, menus, and donations. Additional donors need to be solicited. We average about $1,000 per crew for expenses.

Jon Greeneisen gave a report on last year’s crew registrations. The number of no-shows is up slightly from the year before. Registrations are coming from overseas and throughout the states, with 65 percent coming from Colorado.

Stuart MacDonald reported that the new color brochure is on top priority and should be going to the printer’s soon.

Gudy was asked to order more brown brochures to carry us over. The PR Committee did a superb job on design and information in the new brochure. Paul Berteau has been sending out the completion plaques. We need publicity on this item.

The CTF will install a fax and E-mail line. The next Tread Lines will give you these numbers.

Bob Moore’s resignation was noted and regret expressed. Bob left us with four pages of constructive suggestions, some of which will be implemented immediately. May the fat tire world gain as much from his leadership as we did.

Tommy Thompson, deputy supervisor of the Rocky Mountain Regional Forest Service Office, presented us with a letter of acceptance of our Master Plan. Although differences remain between the CTF policy and Forest Service policy, amendments and reconciliations can be made in the future. At least we have a plan that can act as a guideline in our actions. The letter was a welcome surprise, and we thank Tommy for the effort. Master Plan copies were given to each board member.

Susan Junkin, Tread Lines editor, was elected into the PR Committee. A retired engineer and trail crew volunteer, Morris Borene, was asked to engineer the South Platte bridge in cooperation with the Denver Water Board engineer as well as the South Platte Ranger District engineer. The first meeting took place in early February.

Spring Wish List

We need names of food representatives for any food items that can be used for The Colorado Trail crews. In the past, Pat Nagorka has been able to get donations of cookies, candy bars, coffee, granola, honey, cans of vegetables, and other items. Each year the Foundation saves between $2,000 and $3,000, a sizable figure for our food budget. If you personally know a food salesperson, stocker, or event that has leftover snacks and give-away items, or own a plant yourself, your input is desperately needed.

We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to come to the CT office for about five days to help get the files in top order, the archives sorted out, and the piles on the desk tossed or filed. Help with the inventory would also be appreciated. Refreshments guaranteed.

The Public Relations Committee could use a couple of budding journalists who would be willing to put together a press kit or write some form letters in response to repeated specific questions that are asked about using The Colorado Trail. Several on file need updating.

Tread Lines Winter 1997
Cumberland Basin 2, Trail Crew #9 Report
by Merle McDonald, Crew Leader

Cumberland Basin is at the head of La Plata canyon about 25 miles northwest of Durango. It is the basin between the south end of Indian Trail Ridge and Kenebec Pass. The trailhead in the basin can be reached with a 4wd vehicle via the La Plata Canyon road. The Colorado Trail passes right by this trailhead.

Our campsite was in a beautiful area about ¼ mile east of the trailhead. It is listed as an archeologically sensitive area, since it was used by the Indians many centuries ago. Digging and fire building are prohibited in the sensitive area, which caused us some problems—but the beautiful campsite was worth it. We got our water from a neat little spring beside the CT just a couple of hundred yards away.

Our purpose was to rehab the CT between Sliderock (last year’s work area) and Indian Trail Ridge. The CT east of camp to the bottom of Sliderock only needed a little touching up, so Sam and Adele Junkin and their daughter Susan took on that project. The rest of us hiked a mile and a half west to where Joe Slack’s crew from the previous week left off at the beginning of the steep climb to Indian Trail Ridge. This section of the trail was left over from the mining efforts of the last century. It is excessively steep (average 22% slope), but the Ranger District didn’t see any good alternate route possibilities. So we were to widen the tread and to improve the drainage to slow down the erosion. On much of this section, the outside berm was over a foot high and the tread was less than a foot wide. This section of the trail also penetrates two solid rock bands that required some dynamite and lots of sledge hammer work. Once the trail tops out, the through-hikers during the week who all expressed great appreciation for our work. Several stopped at camp for the night and told stories of their hike. We also met a group of Navajo Indians who hiked up the CT for a religious ceremony on one of the peaks. They also expressed appreciation for our work on the trail.

Another thing that made this week special was the music of Carol Johnson. Carol is a professional musician and songwriter who has hiked the whole CT and written a wonderful Colorado Trail song (which we now have available on audiotape). She entertained us almost every evening with songs and sing-alongs. One evening a through-hiker who was also a professional musician took turns with Carol entertaining us.

Also worth noting was the fact that all members of this crew except one were CT trail crew veterans. And the new member was brought by a veteran. Such a wealth of experience certainly makes a leader’s job easy and pleasant. It is really great to have so many people dedicated to making the CT the wonderful resource it is and keeping it a premier hiking trail.
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