

The Expedition Committee granted funds to three projects: climbing in Ecuador by John Youngman and Lloyd Athearn; exploration of the Cordon del Plata region of Argentina by Bill Brownlee and Tammee Stump; and an expedition to Mount Walsh in Canada's Yukon Territory by Jim Anderson and Mark Simmons. On the Executive Council, President Christine Mackert was re-elected. Joe Whittington was elected treasurer on October 1, and Susan Pyle Erickson, Josh Lockerby and Doug Wilson were elected council members.

Major William D. Hackett, U.S. Army Retired, died August 9, 1999, at age 81. Bill joined The Mazamas in 1933. An obituary can be found on page 436.

JACK GRAUER, *Historian*

*California Mountaineering Club.* The California Mountaineering Club is now ten years old. We have nearly 300 members, mostly from southern California but with a growing number from all regions of the state and many from other states. We climb mostly in the Sierra Nevada, but have scheduled climbs of Mount Rainier, other Cascade peaks, desert peaks, and the Mexican volcanoes.

In 1999, R. J. Secor led a Club outing to explore some of the more obscure approaches to Pico de Orizaba and Iztaccihuatl in Mexico. The Club had several ice climbing outings at June Lake and Lee Vining. It continues its monthly rock climbing outings at Joshua Tree and Tahquitz and held several well-attended training and practice sessions. The Club has a monthly newsletter. Interested mountaineers are invited to visit our web site at [www.californiamountaineer.com](http://www.californiamountaineer.com).

JACK MILLER, *President*

*Arizona Mountaineering Club.* The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) increased its membership in 1999 to more than 500 and added new programs for its members. The Club meets the fourth Monday of each month in Phoenix. Speakers at these meetings included nationally known climbers as well as Club members who added their own exciting adventures to the programs.

AMC involvement in access-related issues has kept members busy. We continue to help with trail building at Pinnacle Peak. Trails for both recreational use and climbing are being developed with the guidance of the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department. Parking and restroom facilities are in the planning stage. This climbing area, very popular in past years, has been closed since about 1995 because of development. With the peak about to become an official park and ownership of the land soon to be in the hands of Scottsdale, we look forward to climbing (perhaps) sometime late in 2001. The McDowell Mountains and the Little Granite Mountain area, bordering Scottsdale to the north and east, are also under intense threat from development. Thanks to voter approval, the City of Scottsdale is working on the purchase of right-of-access to these areas through taxes. We continue to be an active partner in The Access Fund through strong fiscal support and membership drives. Wayne Schroeter, access chairman, monitors and leads the activism on access-related issues.

Strong membership interest has led to the formation of a committee to explore offering alpine and mountaineering outings, the risks involved, and the criteria for approving leaders for such outings. Snow skills seminars were conducted on Humphreys Peak, where students learned ice axe arrest, crampon use, simulated glacier travel and simulated crevasse rescue systems. We also arranged for a professional company to provide ice climbing weekend seminars in Durango, Colorado.

The AMC's basic, anchors and lead rock climbing classes continue to be a great success. Each is held twice a year, and all are always sold out. A number of annual outings, such as Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree National Monument and spring in Lower Devils Canyon, bring large turnouts. The "Over The Rim" at the south rim of the Grand Canyon, when we rappel over the rim and clean up trash for the NPS, results in a fun weekend of cleanup, barbeque and climbing for members. Twice a year we do highway cleanup on U.S. 60 east of Superior for our Adopt-A-Mile conservation project.

After cleanup, the rest of the day is spent climbing in the Magma Mine area. There is at least one outing every weekend, more than enough to keep members climbing happily all over Arizona.

As an outgrowth of new activities, increased membership and more students in our rock climbing classes, the AMC board and the outing leaders are addressing risk-management issues, including the need for insurance and ongoing leader training. President Sue Goins attended the NOLS Wilderness Risk Management Conference in Sierra Vista, where much useful information on these matters was obtained for review and discussion within the AMC and with other organizations facing these same issues.

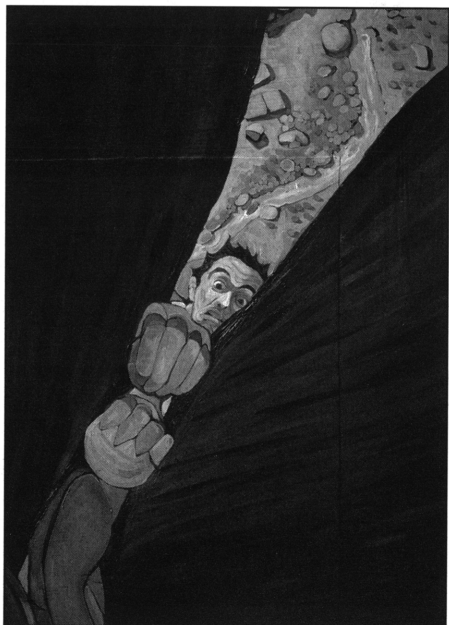
SUE GOINS, *President*

*The Colorado Mountain Club.* 1999 was a busy year for The Colorado Mountain Club. The Club graduated 258 students in its technical climbing schools and led three international expeditions of note. Basic Mountaineering Schools graduated 216 students, the Advanced Mountaineering 20, and the High Altitude Mountaineering School 22 with a graduation exercise of an ascent of Mount Rainier in Washington.

International climbing expeditions included ascents of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mount Elbrus in Russia and a volcano ascent in Ecuador. A total of 34 CMC climbers went on these trips with 32 reaching the actual summits. There were also trips to New Zealand, Peru and Alaska.

The CMC again had a successful year with thousands of volunteer-led trips to peaks, alpine attractions of the region and excellent local crags of Colorado and the surrounding states. Multiple conservation and education projects rounded out the year to help fulfill the CMC mission statement and provide for sustainable recreation in the future. Further information is available on the Club web page at [www.cmc.org/cmc](http://www.cmc.org/cmc) or by contacting the Colorado Mountain Club headquarters at the American Mountaineering Center, Golden, Colorado.

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