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Rocky Mountain Princeton Club

Upcoming Events Mark your Calendar...

- December 21, 2005:** Annual Holiday Lunch at the University Club
An RSVP form is included in this newsletter
- December 30-31, 2005** Men's Hockey, Denver Cup at DU
Tickets (limited): contact Nate Ford (nford@faegre.com)
- January 28, 2006:** Winter Bird Walk with Ted Floyd '90 (see below)
- February 3, 2006** Prof. Jeff Stock, University Club, 7:00 PM (see below)
- February/March 2006:** Ski Train to Winter Park (**organizer needed**)
(details will follow VIA EMAIL closer to the event)
- Spring 2006** Event with Gubernatorial candidate(s) in development!

Annual Holiday Luncheon at the University Club

DECEMBER 21 (Wed.)

The University Club
1673 Sherman Street
11:30 Cash bar
for 12:00 Lunch
Cost: \$35

Our annual holiday luncheon will once again be held at the University Club in Denver. Parking will be available in the adjacent AMPCO lot. Please RSVP using the tear off strip included in this newsletter, or call Bob Ireland at 303-780-5812.

Following tradition, current undergraduates will be our special guests and will offer a few words on their Princeton experiences

RMPC Annual Dues (2005-2006)

The *Rocky Mountain Princeton Club* depends upon the continued support of its many members in Colorado and Wyoming.

Your tax-deductible dues covers the cost of mailings, supports our Schools Committee's work in attracting promising students to Princeton, underwrites community service projects, and allows visiting faculty and current undergrads to be our guests at functions.

Annual Dues - *continued*

Please return your dues check along with the tear-off strip. We thank you for your support, as your participation is vital to the success of the Club. We are especially grateful to those alumni who contribute generously at the level of Sustaining and Patron memberships. The RMPC scholarship fund is also available for your consideration.

Thank you!

Faculty Speaker Series: Professor Jeff Stock at the University Club February 3, 2006

“Celebrating Celebrex: Ethical Drugs and Patent Medicines”

Join fellow alumni and guests for an informative after dinner lecture by Jeff Stock, Princeton Professor of Molecular Biology.

Friday, February 3, from 7 - 9:30 PM

Contact Stewart A. Levin '75 (303) 488-9769 or

salevin@alumni.princeton.edu

for reservations and more details.

Winter Bird Spotting with *Birding Magazine's* Ted Floyd '90

Join Ted Floyd '90, editor of *Birding* magazine, for a winter bird walk in the foothills of scenic southern Boulder County.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking area for the Mesa Trail complex on Saturday, 28 January 2006. The parking area is off SR-170 (El Dorado Road), 1.65 miles west of the intersection of SR-93 (South

Broadway Street) and SR-170, in South Boulder. The parking area is on the right (north) side of the road, directly across from the Doudy Draw parking area.

We will bird until around noon. Please dress warmly, and wear sturdy footwear. We will walk about three miles on moderately steep but well-maintained trails. Bring binoculars, water, and a snack.

In addition to the spectacular scenery, we expect to see Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Bushtit, Canyon Wren, Townsend's Solitaire, and the usual winter mix of jays, chickadees, nuthatches, juncos, and the like.

Please RSVP (e-mail only) with Ted Floyd <tedfloyd@aba.org>. Limit 20 participants.

A Weekend on Mt. Princeton

By Stewart Levin '75

The Annual Mt. Princeton climb on August 27th 2005 was preceded by an eventful (blood and sweat, if not tears) two day trail maintenance project in conjunction with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI). This was the first time that CFI has had any projects on Mt. Princeton. While planning for this event got started fairly late, the Rocky Mountain Princeton Club was able to field half dozen volunteers to assist the three incredibly capable and strong CFI participants: Greg Seabloom, Taryn Olson and Mike Tatro. One of the Princeton volunteers, Sandy Harris '74, came all the way from Philadelphia to get partially acclimated to the altitude before the Saturday summit attempt. In addition to Sandy, Stewart Levin '75, his son Andrew Levin, friend Kelly Schneiderman, professional photographer David Mejias '98 and his companion Scott Vanyek participated.

Trail maintenance has several facets. Our particular group worked on three tasks: 1) building a natural staircase at the start of the trail to prevent erosion, 2) constructing a large cairn to clearly mark the improved trail entrance, and 3) repairing and reinforcing a short section of trail, about 50 feet above the roadway, where two separate paths to the summit join.

HANDY-DANDY Tear-off Reply Form....

Your phone number _____ Your email address _____

Please have someone contact me about: **Schools Committee** (by tel./email) _____
Volunteer opportunities (by tel./email) _____

Holiday Luncheon: ___ people at \$35.00 _____

Annual Dues: Regular member (\$25) _____

Sustaining member (\$50) _____

Patron member (\$100) _____

Classes of '01-'05 (\$15) _____

RMPC Scholarship _____

Total _____

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Mt. Princeton - *continued*

The staircase effort, which involved the collection and solid placement of large slabs (weighing 200 lbs and up) by sheer muscle power, was the hardest task, and the most rewarding.

Saturday morning, the day of the summit attempt, arrived. Sandy, sad to say, just was not able to acclimate to altitude in the brief period he was out here, and had to turn back. David and Scott sped on ahead, and, after ascertaining that Sandy would be OK returning at leisure to base camp, Stew Levin followed after them. David and Scott had no problem reaching the summit well before 11 AM. Stew, however, was still on the trail when the weather closed in before 11:30 AM, an hour or more ahead of schedule. Hail, thunder, lightning, the works. Sensibly, everyone at or near the summit headed back down (Stew was working his way up the ridge-line at about 13,800 ft elevation) and no one was seriously hurt, although several people had scrapes and bruises from slipping on hail-covered rocks. We heard, from other descending hikers that the electric charge near the summit had built up so strongly that some people's hair stood on end. Scary stuff! A warning that Mother Nature will try to have the last word.

Next year we will again be working with the 14ers group on further trail maintenance, specifically the

upper trail entrance. Stay tuned for further information.

Editor's note:

As a follow-up on the Mt. Princeton trail maintenance effort in conjunction with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, the RMPC group was mentioned in an 11/4/2005 article in the Salida Mountain Mail newspaper. To access the full article, go to

<http://themountainmail.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=6534&SectionID=4&SubSectionID=&S=1>

to pull up the article 'Collegiate Peaks receive maintenance, trail work from their Eastern namesakes' alumni.

TigerTomes features RMPC member

The Alumni Council's online book club, Tiger Tomes, <http://tigernet.princeton.edu/Education/TigerTomes05-06.asp>

has selected T.R. Reid's *The United States of Europe: The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy* as its November recommended reading. Check it out!

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New Colorado Princetonians

Colorado will be represented by seven new members of Princeton's Class of 2009. There were 145 applicants to the Class of 2009 from Colorado this year, an increase of one from last year's 144 applicants. Princeton received a total of 16,516 applicants, up 21%.

Congratulations to these outstanding young!

Julio May-Gamboa	<i>Arvada HS</i>
Austin Chow	<i>Battle Mountain HS</i>
Ali Clare Kelley	<i>Colorado Academy</i>
Denali Barron	<i>Dawson School</i>
Emily Weigel	<i>Fairview HS</i>
Shannon Brink	<i>George Washington HS</i>
Amanda Toy	<i>Steamboat Springs HS</i>

A huge (annual) thank you goes to Don Kirkpatrick '71, Mary Throne '82, and the volunteers of the RMPC Alumni Schools Committee.

The team met its goal of interviewing more than 75% of Colorado's applicants.

Register your Email address on TigerNet

Don't miss out on late-breaking RMPC news. Often events with short turnarounds are ONLY announced through email.

Rocky Mountain tigers get all the latest news from the Club in a timely manner by registering their email address at:

<http://tigernet.princeton.edu>.

Please register and/or verify the accuracy of your email address TODAY!

As a reminder, if your email address changes, you MUST change it yourself on TigerNet. Your club officers cannot change your personal information.