



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be on **Monday, January 12, 2003, at 8:00 PM** at the Goose Island Brewery. CMC Outings Chair Jamie Norris will deliver a slide presentation on last summer's CMC Western Outing in the Collegiate and Sawatch Ranges in Colorado.

The next CMC Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 12, 2003, 6:30 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL (312) 915-0071.**

Our General Meeting is open to the public, and is now held on the SECOND Monday (Please note the day & location change) of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome, whether they are CMC Members or non-members. There will be a short business meeting, followed by our featured program presentation.

2004 CMC Board

President Danny Bobrow has declared the following nominees elected by acclamation, since the slate of candidates for the 2004 term consisted of only one candidate per each office at the close of the November meeting.

Elected Offices

President - Dan Bobrow
Vice President - Matt Mead
Secretary - Steve Broadie
Treasurer - Ron Rolnicki
Sergeant-at-Arms - Open
Program Chair - Randy West
Publications Chair - Open
Outings Chair - Jamie Norris
Director (thru 2005) - Pieter Fockens
Director (thru 2006) - Bill Dietrich
Director (thru 2007) - Chris Young

Appointed Offices

Club Librarian - Pieter Fockens
Safety Chair - William Dietrich
Grounds Chair - Alex Andrews
Conservation Chair - To be announced
Expedition Chair - Ron Rolnicki

Calling All CMC Members!

There are still positions that have yet to be filled. We are looking for members who are willing to make a commitment to the club as a board member and able to attend monthly meetings. If you would like to join the CMC Board, please contact a board member.

Membership

Please welcome the following new CMC Members:

Jeff Dull of Elkhart, IN
 Ronn Fieldhouse of Rockford, IL
 Scott Lawley of Marengo, IL
 Virginia Norton of Chicago, IL

First readings for Marlie Gaddre and Julia Leffelman took place at the December meeting with second readings scheduled for January.

CMC Scheduled Meetings

January 12, 2003 - CMC General Meeting

- Jamie Norris - CMC Member
 - 2003 Western Outing
- Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

February 9, 2003 - CMC General Meeting

- Alpine Ambassador from Patagonia
 - Patagonia Mountaineering Gear
- Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

March 27, 2003 - CMC Annual Dinner

- Mike and Tommy Caldwell
 - Caldwell Family Climbing Experiences
- Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont Station
 (South of Belmont Ave & East of Lake Shore Drive)

April 12, 2003 - CMC General Meeting

- Olle Swartling - CMC Member
 - Western Outings Of The 60s
- Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

May 10, 2003 - CMC General Meeting

- Elizabeth Halloran - Athletic Therapist
 - First Aid For The Climber
- Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

Note from The President

Dear Fellow CMcer;

What's New

2003 saw some exciting developments in your Club. Many of the enhancements you are seeing, and will continue to see throughout 2004, are the result of *your* responses to the Member Survey we sent earlier this year, and we appreciate your input very much.

Some of the more notable enhancements include:

- Early in January, the Club website will undergo the first of several scheduled “facelifts” intended to improve the functionality, as well as the “look and feel” of the site
- Each month, you can call 312-409-9460 to receive news about upcoming CMC events
- New features added to the Newsletter include:
 - *Profiles In Climbing* - interview with one of our illustrious members
 - *Conservation Corner* - news and information concerning the protection of our precious climbing areas and resources
 - *Outings Debrief* – detail and photographs of recent Club outings and
 - More detail and lead-time on scheduled presenters at our monthly General Meetings to help you choose to attend those meetings, which offer something of interest for you.

Getting the “right” word out

As with many clubs, there seems to be a misperception that, to be considered for CMC Membership, one needs to be an accomplished climber. Prior to applying for membership, I knew nothing about climbing (and still have a great deal to learn), so I know this is not the case. Since “perception is reality,” we ask that you be sure and let people know that CMC Membership is open to anyone who is at least 18 years old, and has a sincere interest in climbing!

Speaking of getting the word out, we are again participating in this year’s Outside Travel Expo (formerly called IATOS). The expo will again take place at Navy Pier, and runs from Friday, February 20th, until Sunday, February 22nd. To learn more about this exciting event, visit www.outsidetravelexpo.com

Don't forget the Lake!

Just because it’s winter and there are no officially scheduled outings, that’s no reason to forget Devil’s Lake, especially if you like to ski (downhill or cross country). We’re planning to spend at least a couple of weekends at the campground this year to hone my winter camping and skiing skills and, since I love company, I encourage you to do the same!

Call for Rope Leaders

One of the great things about being a CMC Member is the ability to develop your skills as a rope leader. The quality and safety of the Club's offering depends on having members who are able and willing to lead climbing parties at Devil's Lake and elsewhere. If you would like to learn more about the benefits of becoming a rope leader, contact our Safety Chairman, Bill Dietrich at safety@cmcwebsite.org.

On behalf of myself, and your Board, here's wishing you all a happy holiday (whatever holiday that is), and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Climb On!

Danny Bobrow

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Outside Travel Expo 2004

Mark your calendars, the Outside Travel Expo, formerly known as IATOS – The International Adventure Travel & Outdoor Sports Show, will take place at the Navy Pier Convention Center in Chicago on February 20 – 22, 2004. The event is the world's largest exhibition showcasing destinations, guided trips and products from all areas of the travel market including adventure, eco and active travel. For more information on the Outside Travel Expo visit <http://www.iatos.com/index.htm> or call toll free 877-604-2867 (877.60.IATOS)

CMC Scheduled Activities

The 2004 outing schedule has been approved and includes, but is not limited to, the following outings.

January 11 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

(10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)

January 25 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

(10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)

February 8 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

(10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)

February 22 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

(10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)

March 28 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

(10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)

April 17 - 18 – Mississippi Palisades, IL

May 1 - 2 – Devil's Lake, WI

May 22 - 23 – Devil's Lake, WI

June 12 - 13 – Devil's Lake, WI

June 26 - 27 – Devil's Lake, WI

**August 14-15 – Old Timers/New Climbers Outing
& Pot Luck Dinner, Devil's Lake, WI**

September 4 - 6 – Devil's Lake, WI

September 18 - 19 – Devil's Lake, WI

October 9 - 10 – Devil's Lake, WI

October 23 - 24 – Devil's Lake, WI

November 6 - 7 – Jackson Falls/Drapers Bluff, IL

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your photos, announcements, comments or questions to Steve Capps at PO Box 4364, Wheaton, IL 60189-4364 or phone (630) 817-6430 or e-mail: secretary@cmcwebsite.org (100 words or less please), for possible publication.