



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2004, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL, (312) 915-0071. The presentation will be a movie entitled "Climbing Sepu Gangri," documenting the Marmot Climbing Team's first ascent of this Himalayan Peak.

The next CMC Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004, 6:30 PM at the Goose Island Brewery.

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 Annual Dinner

On Saturday, April 3 2004, the CMC will hold its Annual Dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club at Monroe Harbor in Chicago (Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive). This year's Special Guests will be world-class climbers Tommy Caldwell and Beth Rodden from Estes Park, CO. The "**First Couple of Rock**," will present a slide show detailing their approach to rock climbing and mountaineering. The festivities will begin with cocktails at 6:00 PM followed by dinner, presentation, raffle and a silent auction of outstanding climbing and outdoor gear. For your convenience, a reservation form is included with this newsletter. Space is limited, so sign up early. Don't miss it!

Outside Travel Expo 2004

Mark your calendars now for the Outside Travel Expo! 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. This event is the world's largest exhibition of its kind, showcasing destinations, guided trips and products from all areas of the travel market including adventure, eco and active travel. The CMC will also be staffing a booth showcasing the Club. 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).

--VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--

We need people to staff the CMC booth! All volunteers receive a free pass to the show! To volunteer, please contact Chris Young at 773-528-7528 or chrisyoung001@yahoo.com.

Additions to 2004 CMC Board

The CMC Board has elected Virginia Norton to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms and Dave Harrison to the position of Publications Chair. This makes the slate of CMC officers for 2004:

Elected Offices

President - Danny Bobrow

Vice President - Matt Mead

Secretary - Open

Treasurer - Ron Rolnicki

Sergeant-at-Arms – Virginia Norton

Program Chair - Randy West

Publications Chair – Dave Harrison

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 – William Dietrich

Conservation Chair - To be announced

Expedition Chair - Ron Rolnicki

Membership

At the January meeting, **Marlie Gaddie** and **Julia Leffelman** became new CMC Members. First readings for **Dmitriy Litvak** and **Kathy Koch** also took place, with second readings scheduled for February.

Summer Climbing in Colorado

If any CMC members are interested, Thomas Bell will be in Colorado in July, continuing his quest to climb the Colorado 14-ers. During the week of July 3-9, he will be in the Sawatch Range area, where possible ascents will include Mts. Evans, Bierstadt, Massive and Elbert. The following week, he will take a breather, rafting in the Grand Canyon, and return the week of July 19-24 to the San Juan Mountains. This week will focus on Mts. Wilson, El Diente, Wilson Peak, Eolus, and Sunlight. If

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anyone wants to join in for any or all of these, Mr. Bell would welcome you. He will camp and cook out for the entire trip. Anyone interested can e-mail him at tbellz@msn.com.

Future CMC Scheduled Meetings**February 9, 2003 - CMC General Meeting**

- **Movie** - "Climbing Sepu Gangri"
Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

April 3, 2003 - CMC Annual Dinner

- Tommy Caldwell and Beth Rodden
"First Couple of Rock"
Chicago Yacht Club – Monroe Harbor
(Monroe Ave & Lake Shore Drive)

April 12, 2003 - CMC General Meeting

- Olle Swartling – Longtime 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

CMC Scheduled Outings & Activities**February 8 & 22 Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville, IL**

(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Cost \$10 w/ CMC Membership Card)
CMCers Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the climbing gym lobby, climb until 2:00 p.m., then head out for a snack.

February 27-March 1, "February Follies" ice climbing outing, Montreal River, Ontario, Canada

March 28 – Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville, 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 Broadie at 480 Florian Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60016, phone (847) 290-1342 or e-mail: secretary@cmcwebsite.org (100 words or less please), for possible publication.

Dear Fellow CMcer;

If you think that, just because winter is upon us, your Club is hibernating, think again! Here's a partial line-up of what's happening this season...

The Hotline is up!

*To learn about what's happening in our little piece of the climbing world, just call the **CMC Hotline** to receive news about upcoming CMC and climbing-related events. The number is 312-409-9460.*

Indoor Climbing

Indoor outings at Vertical Endeavors continue to be popular. If you've yet to experience their facility, you owe it to yourself to do so. Consult the website or this newsletter, or call V.E. at 630-836-0122 for directions.

Returning to our roots

Long-time members know that, as its name implies, the Chicago Mountaineering Club was created for its members to learn, experience, and enjoy the skill and craft of mountaineering. Rock climbing at Devil's Lake was viewed chiefly as a means for keeping one's rope skills sharp, and fitness level high, to be ready for the "alpine season." Over time, largely because of our location, the Club began to resemble a rock-climbing club. Rest assured, your Club will continue to encourage this activity. We also intend to return to our roots, as it were. We will illustrate this by encouraging members to acquire and share all the other skills required for challenging, safe and enjoyable mountaineering including: ice climbing, winter camping, route finding, glacier travel, avalanche awareness, mountain medicine, and more. As an example of this commitment...

*On the weekend of February 27th, the Club will stage an **ice climbing outing** to Michigan's Montreal River. This is a great opportunity to get your feet wet (as well as cold) learning the exhilarating sport of ice climbing. For more information on what promises to be one of the high points of the season, consult the cmc website.*

Touching The Void

On January 27th, CMcers were treated to a complimentary advance showing of this gripping account of extreme alpinist Joe Simpson's epic in The Peruvian Andes. I strongly encourage anyone with an interest in things Alpine to see this film!

Outside Travel Expo

For the third consecutive year, the CMC will participate in Outside Magazine's Travel Expo, formerly called IATOS, at Navy Pier on Friday February 20th, through Sunday, February 22nd. To learn more about this exciting event, visit www.outsidetravelexpo.com or the cmc website. AND, if you'd like to help staff our booth, you get a free entry to the show! To volunteer, contact Chris Young at 773-528-7528 or ChrisYoung001@yahoo.com

Annual Dinner

*The Club's 64th Annual Dinner will be on Saturday, April 3, and features the **First Couple of Rock, Tommy Caldwell and Beth Rodden**. This event is sure to sell out fast so early sign up is strongly encouraged.*

New and Improved Website

And be watching in February for the first of several scheduled improvements to the look, feel, and functionality of the cmc website!

Climb On!

Danny Bobrow

**This from long-time CMcer Stephanie Hoffman
Custom Glaciated Mountaineering Course for CMcers Only!**

The CMC is promoting appreciation and active participation in mountaineering (getting back to the CMC's roots!), specifically glaciated mountaineering, through the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills necessary for CMcers to safely lead, second and enjoy routes in glaciated mountains.

How is the CMC going to do this?

We have selected one of the most respected organizations in mountaineering to provide instruction, the American Alpine Institute, (AAI). IF the CMC gets a minimum of 6 people to register for this special instructional program, we will receive a club discount of around 10% (still being negotiated as of this printing) off the standard price of \$1020.

What will the AAI course cover?

AAI will provide to the CMC a customized six-day course to be conducted on Mt. Baker, near Seattle, in Washington State. The curriculum will be a blend of AAI's Alpine Mountaineering and Technical Leadership course and their Alpine Ice Climbing course, described below.

Exact content will be determined based on the needs and interests of participants. Interested CMcers should visit the AAI site for details on these courses. <http://www.mtnguide.com/program.asp>

At present, we are looking to hold the event some time in July.

If you are interested, please contact Stephanie at (608) 824-9669 or slhoffman58@earthlink.net.

Thanks Stephanie!!!