



# Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be **Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery**, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071.

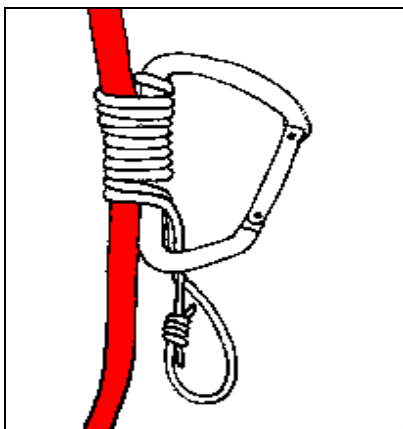
General Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome. The CMC Board meets before the General Meeting from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The Board meeting is open to CMC members.

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved.

## General Meeting Schedule

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm:** Knot Tying Class, hosted by Ron Rolnicki, Jamie Norris, Dave Kenealy and other senior CMC members. This is turning into a perennial favorite. Come out, practice your knots, and learn some new ones.

### The Bachmann knot



**March:** There will be no General Meeting in March due to the Annual Dinner.

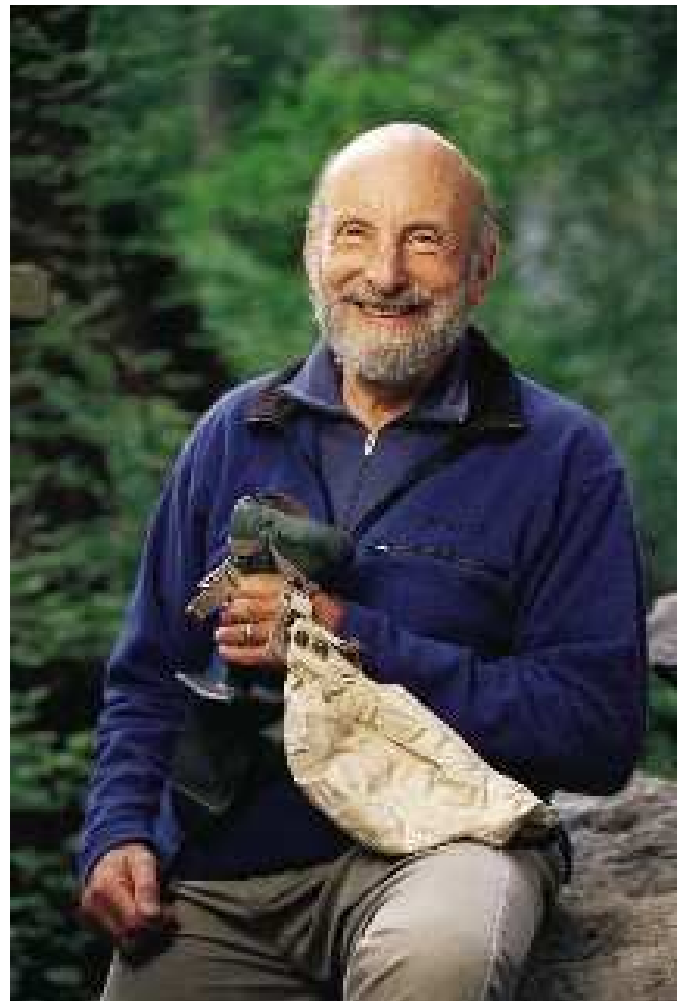
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm:** T.B.D.

If you have an interest in giving a presentation this year, please contact the new Program Chair Neil Horn.

## 2007 Annual Dinner

The annual CMC / AAC Midwest Section dinner is Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont Station. Thanks again to Ben Kweton, who reserved the CYC for us.

This year's speaker is Tom Hornbein, who will present *Everest, the World's Highest Metaphor*. Everest then, reflections looking back over 4+ decades; and on risk, heroes, and life.



Tom Hornbein

Hornbein, along with Willi Unsoeld, became the first climbers to ascend Mount Everest via the West Ridge as part of the first American expedition to Everest in May 1963. As he enters his eighth decade, he remains active in exploring, climbing and caring for mountain environments. He serves currently as chairman of the Board of the Central Asia Institute, an organization providing support to community-based development related to education, health, and the environment in northern Pakistan. Tom will be donating his honorarium to Health Inc. ([www.health-inc.org](http://www.health-inc.org)), a private not-for-profit non-governmental organization, in concert with U.S., Canadian and Indian registered charities, which facilitates grass roots initiatives in health, nutrition and education in remote villages throughout the Ladakh region of the Himalaya.

We recommend you read Tom's book *Everest: The West Ridge* which is available in the CMC Library. Contact Pieter Fockens at [cmcdirectors@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcdirectors@cmcwebsite.org). If you'd like to purchase it, and have Tom sign it at the dinner, go to [www.mountaineersbooks.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=243#](http://www.mountaineersbooks.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=243#) or go to [www.mountaineersbooks.org](http://www.mountaineersbooks.org) and search for Hornbein.

We'll have the raffle and silent auction, so bring your checkbook to get great gear at a fraction of the price! We'll also have a separate raffle to raise money and membership for The Access Fund.

All the details are in the enclosed registration form. Or go to: [www.cmcwebsite.org/dinner2007](http://www.cmcwebsite.org/dinner2007).

Please submit your R.S.V.P. and payment by March 10th. If you have any questions, contact Neil Horn at 773.561.5705 or [cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org) or Donna Martino at 773.407.3432 or [cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org).

See you there! Donna M.

### Winter Indoor Outings

Enjoy the upcoming outdoor season more by getting in shape indoors ahead of time. Indoor outings are held twice a month during the winter. The outing destination is:

Vertical Endeavors  
28141 Diehl Rd  
Warrenville, Illinois  
Admission is \$10 for CMCers, \$15 for non-members.  
Remember to bring your membership card.

There are no set times for these outings. Some say the afternoon is less crowded, but there should be at least one group of CMCers meeting around 10:30am.

These are the remaining winter outings:

**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:**

### Pizza Night

Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville  
10am-4pm followed by pizza  
and refreshments from 4-6pm?  
Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

**April 8<sup>th</sup>:**

### Vertical Endeavors Climbing Gym

V.E. has a couple of events coming up that members may be interested in. (The CMC receives support from V.E. with significantly reduced climbing fees -- \$10 for CMC members.)

3/3/07 - **6th Annual "No Holds Barred" Climbing Competition** - Recreational, Intermediate, and Advanced Divisions. Cost \$25 before 2/15, \$35 after 2/15.

3/9/07 - 3/11/07 - **Annual Membership sale** - regular price \$469+tax, sale price ONLY \$269+tax (save \$200!!!), Children \$99 w/adult purchase.

This is a HUGE bargain if you climb at V.E. frequently. If you need more details or have questions, you can contact Scott Williams directly:

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[scott@verticalendeavors.com](mailto:scott@verticalendeavors.com)  
Direct Line - 630.836.0122 Fax Line - 630.836.0132

### New Members

Congratulations to new CMC members:

Sharon Miller  
Devin Strickland

Welcome! Both had second readings at the January Board Meeting.

Also, a first reading was held for Tony Shannon of Lombard, IL. Tony is sponsored by Jill Quas and Ron Rolnicki, and is a very nice guy.

New members are encouraged to introduce themselves to the Club via a note in the newsletter. You can email notes to me (Rob, newsletter editor.) Photos, anecdotes, stories, (anything basically) are welcome.

### Notices

#### Mt. Rainier Climb.

Ron Rolnicki is planning a trip to Washington state in May to climb Mt. Rainier via the Fuhrer Finger route with a small group. Other CMCers are invited to join in. If you have any interest please contact Ron. His phone number and email address are in the Yearbook or you can look up his contact information on the members only section of the website.

## February Follies . . .

is still on for President's Day weekend. If you are interested you should contact Outings Chair Jamie Norris at climb4953@yahoo.com. According to the latest, Batchawana Bay/Shawn Parent's Ice Fest is the destination. Lodging will be at the Batchawan Island View Resort. (Though more hardy seasoned mountaineers could instead choose to either camp in a tent or build an igloo. Any takers?) The plan is to leave the Chicago area Thursday evening around 6pm, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>; climb Fri, Sat, and Sun; then return on Presidents Day, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Devil's Lake Guidebook, new edition.

Olle and Sue Swartling would like to know of any additions or corrections to the Devil's Lake guidebook. Surely some of you out there know of corrections or additions. The University of Wisconsin Press is looking to release a new edition. You can contact the Swartlings via phone or mail (their number and address can be found in the CMC Yearbook or on the member's section of the website.) You can also contact them via email at [swartling@tds.net](mailto:swartling@tds.net)

**Membership Renewals.** Don't forget to send in those membership renewals. If you did not receive your form in the mail, please contact the Membership chair, Donna Martino.

**Ice?** Anyone climbing any ice this winter? Is the ice in Starved Rock in condition yet? According to the ice report on the Gear Express ([www.gearexpress.biz](http://www.gearexpress.biz)) website, as of 1/28 "Wildcat just touched down today. Still thin on top. Lots of water flowing...keep your fingers crossed." If you are getting in any climbing, please send in reports/photos for the newsletter.

**Plastic?** Anyone making the indoor outings? I'm ashamed to say I have haven't pulled down on anything since November. Soon...

## WESTERN OUTING UPDATE

Immediately following the February General Meeting, there will be a brief meeting, about 30 minutes, for anyone interested in participating in the Western Outing this summer. The Western Outing will be one week long, and will be to the Canadian Rockies from August 4 to 12, 2007. Topics for this meeting are simple - what area of the Canadian Rockies, what style of camping (tents vs huts), and the minimum skills that will be required in order to climb on the trip. If you can't attend, no problem - we will let you know the details later. Anyone can still go on the outing even if they miss this and future meetings. Just want everyone to have some input up front for a safe and enjoyable outing. Any questions, just call or email me.

-Dave Kenealy

## In Memory

It is with sadness than we pass on word of Joe O'Neill's passing on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Joe was a long time CMC member. His wife Judy said that he was diagnosed four months before with kidney cancer and was heroic in his battle to fight it.

Also Jiri Jakubec wrote in that his wife Helena Jakubec died on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This would have been Helena's 50<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the CMC. She was one of the Club's longest standing members. According to Jiri, "Helena has been fighting Parkinson's Disease for the last 2-3 years. I thank you very much for everything you have done for her. Helena always talked about the mountaineering club and good friends she had there."

## 2007 CMC Board changes

We have some new changes to the CMC board for 2007. Mike Burian, as you all should know by now is the new President. Mike proved his metal last fall by driving forward the completion of the outhouses in the CMC campground. We'll look to see that drive continue as there are some issues that will need to be resolved in the coming years - including how the MFC/CMC relationship and structure may change, and in what should be done with the MFC farm property.

We all owe a big Thank You to Matt Mead for his service as President over the last two years. Matt was a valuable and steady captain of the boat after the stormy period in the Brobow era. He also helped to bring the club into the modern day with a new Club website, and by moving many functions, documents, and databases on-line. (Matt will stay on as Technology Chair and Director.) He helped oversee campground improvements, and went a long way towards improving the cordiality on the Board. Thanks Matt!

We have two new board members, Neil Horn and George Naxera. Both are active climbers and mountaineers. We thank them both and look forward to their contributions to the Club.

Fortunately for all of us, Donna Martino was talked out of leaving the board as her Program Chair term expire. Instead, she is Club's new Vice President. I've been singing her praises for years, but if you still don't get it, Donna is tremendously valuable in keeping our club functions moving along, especially the annual dinner and the monthly General Meetings. Thanks Donna.

As always, thanks to the many other long serving board members (listed on the back page - and don't forget the M.F.C. Board members.) No one gets paid a cent for their contributions. We serve for our love of climbing and mountains; to contribute to our club climbing community; and out of care for the history and traditions of this highly unlikely (being in the flats of the Midwest) great Club of ours.

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#### **New 2007 CMC Board**

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#### **2007 Outdoor Outings Schedule**

Spring is just around the corner. (Or so we can try to convince ourselves as the mercury hovers in the single digits in late January.) Following are the dates and locations for the 2007 outings. Apparently last year's schedule confused some people. So this year we're back to normal. All outings are open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike.

**April 21-22:** Palisades State Park  
Savanna, Illinois

**May 5-6:** Devil's Lake State Park  
Baraboo, WI

**May 19-20:** Devil's Lake

**June 2-3:** Devil's Lake

**June 23-24:** Devil's Lake – Lamb Roast (tentative)

**Aug 4-5:** Devil's Lake

**Aug 25-26:** Devil's Lake  
Old Timers / New Climbers Outing

**Sept 8-9:** Devil's Lake

**Sept 22-23:** Devil's Lake

**Oct 6-7:** Devil's Lake

**Oct 20-21:** Devil's Lake

**Nov 3-4:** Shawnee National Forest  
Jackson Falls/Draper's Bluff  
(Experience climbers)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Outings Chair Jamie Norris at [cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org).