



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, April 12th, at 8:00 PM at SkrineChops, 7230 W. Madison St., Forest Park, IL (708) 771-7230.

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 7:45pm.

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

General Meeting Schedule

There will be no General Meeting on March 8th. Instead please join us for the Annual Dinner on March 6th.

The next General Meeting will be April 12th.

If you are interested in giving a presentation or have program ideas, please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Member

Welcome to our newest member Jason Weinberg! Jason started climbing with the club last year. He has climbed at Devil's Lake and went on the Western Outing to Granite Peak last year.

New Membership Applicants

The first readings for membership were made for Rob Van Houten and Sally Arnold at the February general meeting. Rob started climbing with the club over the summer. He has participated in outings at Devil's Lake and Southern IL. He has also climbed at the Red Rocks in Vegas. Sally has climbed with the club several times over the last few years at Devil's Lake. She also joined the group that went to Granite Peak for the Western Outing last year.

Annual Dinner

Join us Saturday, March 6th, for the CMC Annual Dinner.

The speaker for this year's dinner will be Stephen Koch. He is a climber, snowboarder, and long-time mountain guide who is a pioneer in the field of snowboard mountaineering. Though he resides in the Jackson Hole area, his adventures have taken him all over the world. Several years ago he survived an avalanche on Mount Owen in Grand Teton National Park during which he fell over 2,000ft. The result was two fractured vertebrae, torn ligaments in both knees, bruised ribs, and a night spent at over 9,000ft with only a long underwear shirt and thin pants.

The event will start at 6:00pm with cocktails and appetizers. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The presentation will follow dinner at 8:00pm.

Don't forget to bring some extra spending money for raffle tickets and the silent auction (there is always great gear/trips to win). Winners will be announced after the presentation around 9:30pm. This year Pieter will have a table of duplicate library books for sale.

The cost for the evening is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$30 for senior members.

The dinner will be at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago-Oak Brook (1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523). Out of town attendees can book rooms at a special rate of \$99. Just ask for the CMC discount.

If you have any questions about the Annual Dinner or do not receive an invitation please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Annual Dinner Photo Contest

A new part of this year's Dinner is a photo contest. Members can submit photos that are relevant to the club, mountaineering, climbing, or hiking.

Email entries must be at least 600X 800 DPI or larger and mail prints should be glossy 8 ½ x 11. Only one entry per person. Include the location that the pic was taken and info on the crag or specific climb and grade....all info on the subjects in the photo.

Send photos to Keith Bielat by March 1st. Email photos to keithb2461@yahoo.com or mail prints to CMC PHOTO CONTEST c/o Keith Bielat, 410 Schiller, Apt 210, Itasca, IL 60143

For more details on the dinner and the photo contest please check out our website <http://cmcwebsite.org/annualdinner>

By submitting to the photo contest you imply that you have exclusive rights to the photo.

The CMC Photo Contest Committee will pick the ten most spectacular photos and then the dinner participants will vote for Best Pic Of 2010!!! The winner will receive a moose jaw gift certificate...

All decisions of the Photo Committee are final and all pictures submitted will become property of the CMC.....

2010 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

Spring is coming quickly now so don't forget to mark your calendar!

May 1-2 nd	Mississippi Palisades
May 15-16 th	Devil's Lake, WI
May 28-30 th	Devils Tower, WY
For Experienced Climbers/Partners Only	
June 5-6 th	Devil's Lake, WI
June 26-27 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 10-11 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 31-Aug 1 st	Devil's Lake, WI
Aug 14-15 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Old Timers/New Climbers Outing	
Aug 28-29 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 11-12 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 25-26 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 9-10 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 23-24 th	Southern IL
For Experienced Climbers Only	
Nov 5-7 th	Red River Gorge, KY
3 Day Trip, For Experienced Climbers Only	

For additional information on these outings please contact Mike Burian, Outings Chair, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

Membership Renewal Forms

The Membership Renewal Forms have been mailed. Whether you get club communications by mail or electronically, the renewals were all sent out by mail. If you have not received your renewal, please contact Jamie Norris, Vice President, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

The climbing waiver is on the back of the renewal form so if you are planning on climbing with the group this year, please fill out the waiver. If you missed filling it out the Outings Chair can have you sign one at your first outing. If your contact information has changed please update it on the form or you can update it on the website as well.

Once the renewal forms are complete they can be returned to:
Jamie Norris
7S259 Midfield Drive
Aurora, IL 60506

Please complete and return the renewal to Jamie as earlier as possible. The faster we get them back the faster membership cards and yearbooks can be available.

If you have any questions about your membership or the renewal please contact Jamie Norris, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

Rope Leader Days

Rope Leader	Pre-09	2009	Total
Alex Andrews	0	1	1
Keith Bielat	20	7	27
Mary Blandino	17	4	21
Mike Burian	0	12	12
Dan Czolek	22	0	22
Jeff Dull	43	2	45
Ronn Fieldhouse	29	4	33
Chris Gregory	14	18	32
Dave Kenealy	10	6	16
Jamie Norris	36	18	54
John Pierce	33	0	33
Ron Rolnicki	0	2	2
Randy Shaw	3	22	25
Rob White	33	3	36
Total	264	102	366

Jeff Dull and Jamie Norris have accumulated enough rope leader days to earn a CMC rope award. We thank them for their service to The Club. Thank you to everyone who served as rope leaders this year. You are a vital part of each of the outings.

Winter Indoor and Outdoor Events

As the start of spring gets closer the number of winter events is winding down. Here are the last few for this month.

March 6th - No Holds Barred Climbing Competition, Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville, IL

<http://www.verticalendeavors.com/warrenville/index.html>

March 12-15th – Agawa Canyon Ice Festival, Agawa Canyon, Ontario, Canada

<http://www.northofsuperiorclimbing.com/>

John C Speck Memorial Library

Looking for a good climbing book to read during the cold winter months? Need a guide book to start planning that big summer trip? Don't forget to check out the resources available to us through the library. If you would like to visit the library and look at available literature please contact Pieter Fockens at 847-205-9916.

Looking to expand your own personal climbing library? The library has many duplicate books that are now for sale. For a list of what books are available please contact Pieter.

Newsletters and Club Mailings

If you would like to help in the effort save trees and cut back on paper waste, you can help by how you receive club communications and mailings. Members can opt to receive the newsletters, CMC yearbook, or the Mountaineer electronically instead of by mail. To take advantage of this option all you have to do is go to your membership profile and select the corresponding option at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact the Secretary Karen Gisburne at cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org.

Member Contact Information

To make sure you stay up-to-date with what is going on in the club, please make sure that your contact information is current. Contact info can be up-dated on the website under My Membership after login. You can also update how you receive communications (i.e. the newsletter) from the club.

If you do not remember your password please contact the Technology Chair, Matt Mead at cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org. If you're a new member and don't have a user name or password please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.



No Holds Barred Climbing Competition

Looking for a way to test your climbing ability? Vertical Endeavors has their annual climbing competition March 6th. Open to climbers of all ages and abilities, routes test climbers' skill on ropes and bouldering. Competition Categories include men's, women's, and youth testing skill levels of novice, intermediate, advance, open and masters/divas (35+).

Registration is \$35 thru March 5th then \$40 on March 6th.

Not interested in competing but want to be involved. They need volunteers on Thursday and Friday to prep for the competition and Saturday during the comp. Contact VE for more information at 630-836-0122.

Thinking about heading to the gym just to climb? Part of wall will be closed Friday night starting at 4pm to reset routes. The entire wall will be closed Saturday from 10am-2pm for the competition. A portion of the wall will reopen at 2pm then the entire wall will be open at 6pm. For more information visit VE website (link up right).

CMC Banner

Many years ago, The Club had a banner with The CMC logo embroidered on it. We used to display it at the club meetings. Some time ago, it disappeared. If anyone knows of its' where-a-bouts, please contact a board member. We would appreciate having it back.

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TO:

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your comments, announcements, outings or personal climbing reports, items of interest, ephemera, or questions to the Editor: Karen Gisburne. e-mail: cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org. Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

What's Happening

This Month:
March 6th CMC Annual Dinner
No General Meeting this Month!

Next Month:
April 12th General Meeting

Upcoming Events:
Outdoor Climbing Season Starts May 1st!

Look inside for more information!



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