



Chicago Mountaineering Club

Take me to your (Rope) Leader

One of the defining characteristics of a CMC outing is the person who organizes the party, selects the climbing area, and helps ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. I'm referring, of course, to the Rope Leader. Having an ample supply of Leaders on hand helps keep climbing parties a reasonable size, and allows Members to choose from a number of areas in which to climb. "Learning the ropes" helps prepare you to venture beyond the confines of the Midwest and try your hand at other mountaineering experiences.

So, how does one become a Rope Leader? As our Brochure says, we "learn by doing" and watching. If you'd like to learn more about being a Rope Leader, contact Outings Chair Jamie Norris, or just stick close to a Rope Leader on your next outing. They won't bite!

Board Openings

Are you looking for a way to contribute to shaping the direction of your Club? If so, you should know that the following Board positions are currently open. As it's clearly in the best interest of the Club to have as much representation on the Board as possible, you are invited to learn more about the responsibilities of these positions. Please contact the following people for more information about the respective open positions:

For	Secretary	Contact	Danny Bobrow	president@cmcwebsite.org
For	Grounds Chairman	Contact	Bill Dietrich	safety@cmcwebsite.org
For	Sergeant At Arms	Contact	Virginia Norton	treasurer@cmcwebsite.org

Help chart the course of *your* Club by becoming part of its government!

Member Readings

A First Reading was made at April's Meeting for Leena Sukumar. Ms. Sukumar is sponsored by Jamie Norris and Danny Bobrow.

Mississippi Palisades Outing Debrief

The CMC's first outdoor outing of the season took place over the weekend of April 16-18th at the Mississippi Palisades. The weather was the best anyone had seen in months in spite of a few showers late in the night on Friday. Saturday, a group of about fifteen met at the South entrance and headed to the Sentinel climbing area to set up some challenging top-rope climbs. Jamie Norris lead a nice pitch, with Charlie Ahmad seconding, to set a rope atop the Sentinel pillar. Later, climbers clipped in to a large bolt at the top of the pillar where they could be out in the sun while enjoying lofty views of the river. And it was a pleasant surprise when long-time member Charlie Pierce joined us for part of the day. Sunday, the group headed for some climbs in the Twin Sisters area. There was a little bit of something for everyone, from easy scrambles to a challenging crack, and everyone got busy helping set the ropes.

Climbing "Boot"y

Long-time CMCer Jack Gorby has climbing boots for sale: 1 pair each of La Sportiva, size 42; Technica "Hi-Tech", size 10-10.5; La Sportiva Nepal, size 10-10.5. All are crampon compatible. If you're interested, give Jack a call at 773-761-5805, or send an email to swedepole@attbi.com.

Climber's Dictionary

Abseil, Flash, Onsite: Ever wonder what these and other climbing terms mean? Here's a great way to find out! Just visit:

www.rockclimbing.com/articles/term.php

Now, for today's word...

defn. Red Point – noun/vb. A clean ascent with no falls, placing protection while climbing.

Annual Dinner 2004

The Club's 64th Annual Dinner took place on Saturday, April 3^d, at the Chicago Yacht Club's spectacular Monroe Harbor location. Attendees were treated to an evening of cocktails, followed by dinner, a raffle and silent auction. As always, it was a great chance to catch up with old climbing buddies and spin new climbing yarns. The event was topped off with a presentation by two of climbing's best, Beth Rodden & Tommy Caldwell, who answered questions and showed a DVD of their many epic climbs. See if you can find a familiar face below, maybe your own, of those in attendance at this year's dinner!



Tommy Caldwell & Beth Rodden – "First Couple of Rock"



Photographs by Judi Wasilewski

The CMC wishes to thank the following for helping make the Dinner such a rousing success: Donors - Patagonia, Moosejaw, Uncle Dan's, Chessler Books, Wild Country, PMI, Crescent Moon, American Alpine Club, The Chicago Yacht Club, and Members - Jack Gorby (who helped secure this year's presenters) and Randy West, Program Chair, for pulling this event together. And of course, Beth & Tommy. Thanks also to Judi Wasilewski for taking these pictures so they could be shared with all of you in the newsletter.

A "repeat" request from the MFC Librarian

If anybody would care to share their copy of the 2002 Mountaineer with the MFC Library, please contact Pieter Fockens, MFC Librarian, at 847-729-6804. Thank you.

General Meeting Debrief and Schedule

On April 12th, General Meeting attendees were treated to a presentation by Sven "Olle" Swartling. Olle showed slides of CMC outings of the 1960's. Thanks to Olle and wife Sue for making the trip from Madison to share memories with their Fellow CMCers and guests.

General Meetings are open to the public, and held on the SECOND Monday (Please note the day & location change) of each month, September through May, at Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N. Clybourn, and **begin at 8:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short business meeting, followed by our featured program presentation.

Goosed News! The CMC has received approval from Goose Island to host its meetings throughout the 2004-2005 season. Reviews of this location, where your Club has met since 2003, have been overwhelmingly positive, and we're glad to say we're here to stay!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 10	Elizabeth Halloran	Climbing First Aid and Injury Prevention
September 13	TBA	TBA
October 11	TBA	TBA
November 8	TBA	TBA
December 13	TBA	TBA

Outings & Activities Schedule

May 1 – 2	– Devil's Lake, WI	September 4 - 6	– Devil's Lake, WI
May 22 – 23	– Devil's Lake, WI	September 18 - 19	– Devil's Lake, WI
June 12 - 13	– Devil's Lake, WI	October 9 - 10	– Devil's Lake, WI
June 26 - 27	– Devil's Lake, WI	October 23 - 24	– Devil's Lake, WI
August 14-15	– Old Timers/New Climbers Outing & Potluck Dinner, Devil's Lake, WI	November 5 - 7	– Jackson Falls/ Drapers Bluff, IL

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your photos, announcements, comments or questions to Danny Bobrow at 1512 N. Fremont, Suite 102, Chicago, IL 60622, phone (312) 455-9498 or e-mail: secretary@cmcwebsite.org (100 words or less please).

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