



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be on **Monday, October 13, 2003, at 8:00 PM** at the Goose Island Brewery. The theme for the evening is Manufacturer's Night. Patagonia and/or Marmot reps will be on hand to talk about and display their latest wares.

The next CMC Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 13, 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 now held on the SECOND Monday (Please note the day & location change) of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short business meeting, followed by our featured program presentation.

Announcements

Best Wishes to Betty Clark

On September 2nd, Betty Clark, wife of long time CMC Member Earl Clark, underwent surgery to remove the lower lobe of her left lung. While cancerous, it appears that the procedure successfully stemmed the spread of the cancer. Betty's prognosis is good, and her recovery ahead of schedule.

All of us at CMC wish Betty a speedy recovery.

Almost New Members

The first reading for Robert White and Sarah Sellergren, both from Chicago, took place at the September meeting and the second is scheduled for October.

October 17 – Ed Viesturs @ REI

Ed Viesturs will be presenting a slide show at the REI in Oakbrook Terrace on Friday, October 17th at 7:00 PM. The presentation will focus on his recent summits of Nanga Parbat and Broad Peak. A book signing of his latest book "Himalayan Quest" will conclude the event. Tickets are required for the event and available via customer service at a cost of \$5 per seat. All proceeds benefit The American Himalayan Foundation. For more information or tickets call REI 630-574-7700.

Old Timers/New Climbers Outing

August 16 – 17



As usual, the Old Timers/New Climbers Outing & Pot Luck Dinner was a big success. As you can see from the photo above, the weather was more than cooperative and all who attend had a great time.

Closer To The Outdoors

Lorene Marcinek & Keith Castleberry have moved "closer to the outdoors" and wanted to share their new contact information to prove it.

Lorene Marcinek & Keith Castleberry
1645 Nelson Road, Unit B, Bozeman, MT 59718
406-586-8851, c 406-579-4842, ljmcastle@hotmail.com

2004 CMC Board Nominations

2004 CMC Board Nominations will occur at the November meeting. The board positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Outings Chairman, Program Chairman, Publication Chairman, Conservation Chairman, Technology Chairman, Grounds Chairman, Safety Chairman, and Expedition Chairman. If you would like to nominate someone for a position, or be nominated, contact Tom Kaus, Nick Browne, or Jim Considine of the 2004 Board Nomination Committee.

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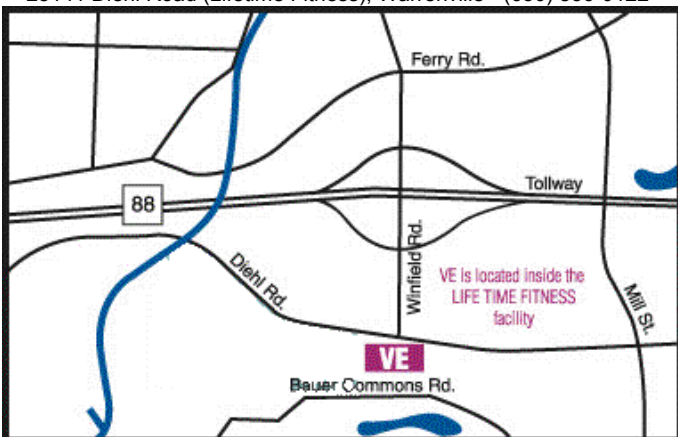
CMC Scheduled Activities

October 11 - 12 – Devil's Lake, WI

October 19 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

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

28141 Diehl Road (Lifetime Fitness), Warrenville - (630) 836-0122



Please be prepared to present your CMC Membership Card at the entrance of Lifetime Fitness for Vertical Endeavors events. During CMC scheduled dates, family and friends can climb for the \$10 price when accompanied by a card-carrying CMC Member.

October 25 - 26 – Devil's Lake, WI

November 8 - 9 – Jackson Falls/Drapers Bluff, IL

(Weather Permitting)

November 16 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

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

November 30 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

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

December 14 – Vertical Endeavors, IL

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

CMC Scheduled Meetings

October 13, 2003

– CMC General Meeting

– Manufacturer's Night

Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

November 10, 2003

– CMC General Meeting

– Board Member Nominations

Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

December 8, 2003

– CMC General Meeting

– Board Member Elections

Goose Island Brewery - 1800 N Clybourn Ave

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your announcements, comments or questions to Steve Capps at PO Box 4364, Wheaton, IL 60189-4364 or phone (630) 816-5677 or e-mail: secretary@cmcwebsite.org (100 words or less please), for possible publication.

Note from The President

On behalf of the CMC board, our heartfelt thanks go out to every Member who took the time to complete and return the Member Survey.

As promised, 5 Members were selected to receive CMC merchandise. The winners are: Alfred A. Brooks, Scott Brumund, Stan Dietzel, Robert Morton, and Ann O'Neill. Each of you will receive: a CMC t shirt, 5 prayer flags, a hat, and a pin. You will be receiving your prize packet shortly. Thanks and congratulations!

As noted in last month's *Letter*, your Board was gratified by the number of Members who responded, and the time that was taken to provide such detailed, often passionate, feedback on your Club. The response is encouraging and serves to demonstrate that Member interest in the Club is indeed strong.

Your Board is committed to using your responses to help steer the Club in the direction our Members desire.

Below are some of the highlights from the survey:

Quantitative

- 43% of Club Members responded to the survey
- The number of years as a CMC member broke down as follows:
 - Average was 19 years
 - Median was 15 years
 - Minimum was < 1 year
 - Maximum was 56 years
- The respondents attend an average of 1.39 general meetings (including the Annual Dinner) each year. A small percentage attend all meetings. Many Members attend no meetings at all.
- 69% of the respondents were satisfied with the current meeting location of Goose Island for monthly Board and General meetings
- Each year, Members attend an average of 3 outings, of which 84% are at the Devil's Lake campground
- Members have been introduced to the Club in various ways with the following percentages:
 - 46% Told by a CMC member
 - 22% Told by a fellow climber
 - 14% Other various ways
 - 8% Told by a climbing club or store
 - 5% Saw CMC climbing
 - 4% Advertised outings
- The following list orders the reasons why people continue to apply for and renew their CMC membership (starting with most popular reasons):
 - Access to the MFC Devil's Lake campground
 - Accessibility to the Club's vast mountaineering and climbing knowledge

- Ability to find climbing partners
- Social aspect and networking opportunities
- Advocacy, such as the Club's commitment to conservation
- Prestige of being a CMC Member
- Discounts available to Club Members
- The following list orders the interests of Club Members (starting with most popular interests):
 - Top roped rock climbing
 - Hiking
 - Technical mountaineering
 - Lead rock climbing
 - High altitude trekking
 - Top roped ice climbing
 - Lead ice climbing
- The following numbers represent the average Member's ability on different climbing and mountaineering disciplines (numbers are on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 meaning no experience, 3 meaning experienced, and 5 meaning expert)
 - 3.3 Rock Climbing
 - 3.0 Mountaineering
 - 2.7 Route Finding
 - 2.2 First Aid/First Responder
 - 1.9 Ice climbing
 - 1.8 Rescue

Qualitative

Some feedback we received is of a more qualitative nature. Some of these are listed below, along with planned, or already implemented solutions:

<u>Feedback</u>	<u>Action</u>
Typos in Club correspondence	Established Editorial Advisory Committee (not to censor, but to advise and edit, as name implies)
Lack of use of website	Established Technology Committee to improve look, feel, and functionality of your Club website
Delay in delivery of newsletter	Commitment to delivering newsletter at least one week before the date of occurrence of any future activity referenced in the newsletter.
Improvements to Campground	Plan to purchase new or reimburse existing Lawnmower. Ongoing discussions to build a pavilion

Clearly, more analysis remains to be done, but rest assured, your Board is committed to acting upon findings in a way that will lead to an ever-improving experience for our Members.