



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be **Monday, December 12th, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery**, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071. There will be a CMC Board Meeting at 6:30 immediately preceding the General Meeting.

General Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome.

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved. If you don't know how to log in, please contact the webmaster at cmcwebmaster@cmcwebsite.org.

General Meeting Schedule

December 12th, 8:00 PM: Pawel Szymanski will present a program of his climb this summer of Mt. Holy Cross in Colorado. He has about 30 minutes of film footage and interesting slides. In addition, Pawel will show a video album, also 30 minutes, from the Polish Tatra Mountains.



Mt. Holy Cross, photo by Pawel S.

January 10th, 8:00 PM: TBD.

If you have ideas for presentations or would like to give one of your own, please contact Donna Martino at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Membership Renewals

Mike Burian
CMC Vice President / Membership Chairman

Once again it is renewal time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that the CMC has a website with provisions that allow members to access and update their own membership/contact information.

Over the past few years Matt Mead has transformed the website into a very useful resource for our members. If you have visited the site recently and found it not very useful, maybe you don't realize that there is much more available if you login with your member password and ID. As with most websites, once you visit it a few times and learn to navigate through it, it is pretty easy to use.

Many of you may not know your member login and password since the website passwords were created in 2002. Originally, initial passwords and logins were assigned to all members. Once you access your personal information you can and should change the password so it becomes private.

You may want to know how to change your password. Follow these "simple" instructions.

- 1) Go to the website at www.cmcwebsite.org
- 2) When the home page comes up, go down the menu on the left side of the screen and click on "Member Login."
- 3) A new screen will open up and a curser will be blinking in the "Logon ID" box
- 4) Type in your login ID (see above for login ID), then press the Tab key on your keyboard
- 5) Now the "Password" box will have the blinking curser
- 6) Type in your password
- 7) Press the enter key or click on the "Login" box
- 8) A new screen will open up that looks like the home page only there will be more options available on the left side menu
- 9) Put the curser arrow over the "My Membership" box
- 10) Three more boxes will open to the right of the arrow
- 11) Click on the "Change Password" box

- 12) A new screen will open up
- 13) Follow the simple instructions on the screen to change your password to a new private password. The password must be at least six characters in length. They can be all numbers, all letters, or a combination of numbers and letters.
- 14) Remember your password! No one will be able to find out what it is. If you forget it, I can change your password to a new one but I can not find out what your old one was.

After you change your password, go back to the "My Membership" box on the left side of the home page. Click on the "Change Contact Information" box when it opens up. A new screen will open up. From this screen you will be able check and update your personal membership/contact information. If you make any updates be sure to go to the bottom of the page and click the update button.

We process more than 200 member renewals every year. It will speed up the renewal process if we can get more members to update their own information. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. This year's renewal form will have three check boxes where members can indicate if they have checked or updated their information. Please use them.

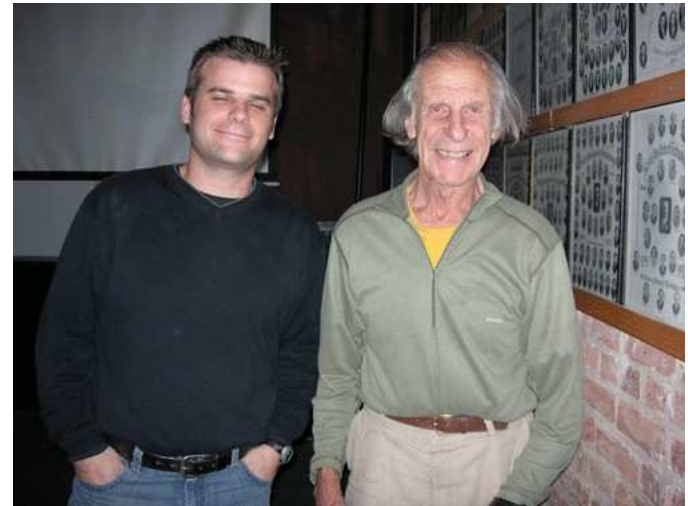
The process of changing your password and updating your information is really pretty simple. The club (and me especially) would be grateful for your help with this.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call me at (847) 673-3561 or send an email from the website. Thanks again and I hope you all have a good 2006.

November General Meeting Recap

For those of you who missed it, our November General Meeting with Fred Beckey was a great success. We had a large crowd of at least 75 or 80 people and a festive atmosphere. At 83 years, Fred was informative, funny, and still sharp as a tack (and had the expected vice-like handshake of a lifetime climber.) He is still climbing full time and was looking for a partner to climb in Ecuador this winter. He gave a sweeping presentation of his take on the climbing history of North America, as well as a broad sampler of his climbing adventures. He ripped through far more than could be remembered, but highlights included the Valhallas, a discussion of his first ascents in the Bugaboos and the Vowell Group, West Ridge of Mt. Hunter, and the Moose's Tooth. He said the Fairweather Range in SE Alaska is one of the most amazing places in the world, but he showed several examples of rapidly retreating glaciers due to global warming. He showed a few slides of the Kitchatnas and said he could do a whole slide show on that range along. Take note you trailblazers: According to Fred, the remote Revelation Mountains in Alaska is 'a gold mine for future first ascents.' In his four carousels of

slides he made his way from Alaska and Canada through his home stomping ground in the North Cascades all the way through to Baja California - "not well known but a beautiful place for rock climbing" - and the huge volcanoes of Mexico.



Fred Beckey and CMC President, Matt Mead.

He finished on some of his favorite climbing, the desert rock of the Southwest. Noteworthy was a remark that "Cochise Stronghold is probably the best place to climb in winter."

We even had a few out-of-staters come in for the presentation. Photographer Jim Herrington of Milwaukee made a special trip down. Jim's photographs of climbing luminaries (including Fred) were featured in the October 2000 Outside Magazine article 'Rock Legends'. For more on his photography see: www.jimherrington.com. Bob Gould, longtime friend of the CMC, also made the trip from Wisconsin, and Jeff Dull drove over from Elkhart, Indiana.

Thanks to Marty Zadigian for putting Fred up for the night, and to Donna Martino (and her husband Walt) for all the work she put into this. It would not have happened without her.

The purest joy of all is the joy of nature.
-Leo Tolstoy

Don't forget the upcoming skills training this winter:

Winter Climbing Practice

- When: January 6-7th or 13-14th, depending on proper conditions.
- Where: Indiana Dunes National Seashore & a Chicago location for the Friday night lecture.
- Who: Open to CMC members and your accompanied guests (prior approval required.)

How to sign up: Chris Young chryoung@cisco.com or Jamie Norris climb4953@yahoo.com. Please see the October newsletter for additional details.

February Follies

Ice climbing again in the Batchawana Bay area of Canada (30 miles north of the Sault St. Marie). Since February 20th is Presidents Day, please mark your calendars for Feb 18-19-20 2006. More details to come in January.

Wilderness First Aid Course

March 4-5th, 2006

This is a 16 hour course over two days and will result in a Wilderness First Aid certification. Please see the November newsletter for additional details.

The course is filling up fast, so if you would like to take this, please let me know as soon as possible. Rope Leaders are especially encouraged to sign up. If you would like to be included, please contact Rob White at RW15@ntrs.com or by phone at 312-420-8305. I'll be sending out additional details to those who signed up soon.

Announcements

CMC Tee Shirts and Hats.

We have 'em back in stock. Colors are black, gray, teal, and maroon. Sizes small to 3XL. Plus Khaki hats. The CMC crossed ice axes logo is embroidered on the hats and front of the shirts. Costs: \$12 for hats, \$10 for shirts with stenciled logo. Embroidered shirts: S - L \$15.00, XL - 2XL \$17.00, and 3XL \$19.00. Buy them at the CMC General Meetings, outings next year, or contact the CMC Sergeant at Arms, Jim Considine.

Annual Dinner Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars! The 2006 Annual Dinner is Saturday evening, April 1st, at the Chicago Yacht Club. Our guest speaker is Phil Powers, executive director of the American Alpine Club. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters and on the Web site. You can read more about last year's event at:

www.cmcwebsite.org/dinner.

Donna Martino, Program Chair, is looking for about 8-10 volunteers to help make the night a success. She needs help with the following:

Set-up

Welcome/Check-in table

Raffle ticket sales

Access Fund raffle table

Raffle and silent auction prize distribution

Photography

If you are interested in volunteering (and you should be), write to her at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org or call her at 773.407.3432.

Outing Chair Report

Jamie Norris, Outing Chair

The following is a table of rope leader days for 2004 & 5. Sorry that I am unable to find any records from 03 or before. I realize that some on this list are not "officially recognized" rope leaders, but they all stepped up and helped out when needed and I feel they deserve some credit. I sincerely want to thank all who volunteered their time and skills. Without them our open outings, designed at least partially to get new members into the club, would not be possible.

NAME	Days served in 04	05	Total
Jeff Dull	10	18	28
Jamie Norris	14	13	27
John Pierce	4	13	17
Ron Rolnicki	8	6	14
Dan Czolek	8	5	13
Rob White	3	8	11
Jack Fletcher	8		8
Susan Fletcher	6		6
Bill Dietrich	2	1	3
Dave Harrison	3		3
Steph Hoffman	2		2
Phil Patz	2		2
Ron Fieldhouse	2		2
Mary Blandino	1		1
Mark Zaleski	1		1
Totals	74	64	138

As you can see, our overall leaders and leader-days have declined. One idea put forward recently is that we maybe have too many open outings and if we had fewer (maybe 5-6), we might get better attendance of the rope leaders at each of these. I would like to hear from as many people as possible (especially from the rope leaders) about this or any other rope leader ideas or issues, before we settle on and publish next year's outing schedule.

Please send your thoughts and ideas to: Jamie Norris at climb4953@yahoo.com

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NEWSLETTER: Please submit your comments, announcements, outings or personal climbing reports, items of interest, ephemera, or questions to the Editor: Robert White at 1845 N. Orleans Street, Apt. 2R, Chicago, IL 60614 or 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.

Winter Indoor Outing Schedule

December 18th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
28141 Diehl Rd
January 8th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
January 22nd: **January Jollies!**
Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
10am-4pm followed by pizza
after from 4-6pm.
February 5th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
February 18-20th: **February Follies!**
Ontario, Canada
February 19th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
March 4-5th: **Wilderness First Aid Course**
Chicago suburb, tbd
March 19th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
March ??th: Elk Grove Climbing Gym
Annual Self-Rescue Workshop
(This will likely replace one of
the other March outings but
specifics will have to wait until
we talk to T.J. Pierce...)
April 2nd: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

NEWS FLASH: Ice is beginning to form at Starved Rock! With luck it will be climbable in a week or two. Keep your fingers crossed and sharpen those ice tools.

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