



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, December 8th, 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

The last general meeting for 2008!

The final meeting is Monday, December 8th.

The next general meeting and the first for the New Year will be on Monday, January 12th, 2009.

If you would like to give a presentation this winter, please contact the new Programs Chair Keith Bielat at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Member

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Jeff Brath, to the CMC. He started climbing with the club this year going to outings at VE and Devil's Lake. He had his first reading at the October general meeting and second reading at the November board meeting. His background includes mountaineering, ice climbing and rock climbing taken him to area like the Adirondacks, Ouray CO, Mt Whitney, Mt Shasta and Mt Lasser.

Welcome! We wish you many years of climbing with the club!

2009 CMC Board

The nominations were presented, consensus was reached and a new board was elected. Here are the new 2009 board members for the elected positions.

President - Dave Kenealy
 Vice President - Jamie Norris
 Secretary - Karen Gisburne
 Treasurer - Steve Broadie
 Sergeant-at-Arms - Devin Strickland
 Outings Chair - Mike Burian (also Director 2011)
 Programs Chair - Keith Bielat
 Publications Chair - Sharon Miller

The new board will take effect in January though some of the board members will start assuming responsibilities now. Please wish everyone luck in their new roles in the Club.

Membership Renewal Forms

The membership renewal forms for 2009 are here! If you receive the newsletter by mail, your renewal form is with this newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by email, your renewal form was sent in the US mail and should be in the mailbox. If you do not receive a renewal form by Dec. 15th contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

The renewal form is double-sided with the climbing waiver on the back. A waiver needs to be completed before climbing with the group so please remember to fill out the back of the renewal.

Once complete, the renewal forms should be returned to:

Jamie Norris
 7S259 Midfield Drive
 Aurora, IL 60506

Please complete and return your renewal to Jamie by January 31st.

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.

Hunting Seasons

Even though climbing is done for the year that doesn't mean there is no reason to visit Devil's Lake or any other state park during the winter. Trails are still open for hiking and with enough snow cross-country skiing will soon be in full swing. However, hikers and skiers are not alone in the woods this time of year. Hunters are now allowed their time for fun.

At Devil's Lake, deer gun hunting is permitted now thru Dec. 14th and archery hunting will be permitted Dec. 15th thru Jan. 4th. While hunters are not allowed on the east or west bluff, they do have access to Steinke Basin, Sauk Point Trail, Roznos Meadows, and the south bluff.

With ice climbing season approaching, Gov. Dodge also hosts hunters this time of year. Small game hunting will finish on Dec. 15th but deer hunting runs until Jan. 4th. Muzzleloaders can be used now till Dec. 10th then gun season goes from Dec. 11-14th finishing with archery season from Dec. 15-Jan. 4th.

Illinois state parks have hunting going on now as well. Matthiessen State Park will be closed during firearm hunting dates, Dec. 4-7, Dec. 12-14, and Jan. 16-18th. Starved Rock will have all trails east of Wildcat Canyon closed during these hunting dates. The hiking trails from St. Louis Canyon to Wildcat Canyon will be open to park visitors. Archery deer and turkey hunting will be allowed in the parks until Jan. 15th.

Some hunting areas are not off limits to park users so use care and caution when hiking thru these areas. It is highly recommended to wear blaze orange clothing when in hunting areas. Check the state park website or call the park for specific restrictions before visiting this winter.

Campground

The campground is now closed for the season. Stay posted in the spring to find out when it is ready for members to start camping again.

Winter Indoor Climbing

At this time there are no official indoor outings set for the winter however members are encouraged to get together to climb during the winter months. Members will still be going to Vertical Endeavors over the winter months to hone climbing skills and catch up with each other. We will try to maintain the Sunday climb time meeting up at 10am to beat the crowds.

The climbing destination is:

Vertical Endeavors
28141 Diehl Rd
Warrenville, Illinois

Admission is \$15.

Stay tuned for farther updates on the outing schedule.

If you have any questions on these gatherings or on the indoor outings schedule, please contact the Outings Chair Jamie Norris at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org.

2009 Wisconsin State Park Stickers

Plan ahead for the new year! The 2009 Wisconsin Annual State Park Stickers are now available.

Annual pass for WI residents is \$25 or \$10 if you are a WI resident over 65. The annual pass for non-residents will be \$35. If you don't plan on visiting the parks much next year, non-residents can purchase a day pass at the park for \$10 a day.

The annual state park stickers can be purchased at park entrances, park self-pay stations, DNR service centers, online through Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, by phone or by mail order.

Additional information on WI state park admission stickers can be on the WI DNR website, <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>

In Memory...

I am sad to share that botanist Barbara Palser, who was a member of the club for many years passed away. During her time in Chicago she was an active member of the club attending meetings and both local and western outings.

"NORTHAMPTON - Barbara F. Palser, 91, died May 15, 2008, at Belmont Manor in Belmont after a short illness. She was born in Worcester on June 2, 1916, to Cora and G. Norman Palser. After graduating from South High School in Worcester she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Mount Holyoke College. She received her doctorate in 1942 from the University of Chicago, where she taught and did research for 25 years. She taught and continued her research at Rutgers University in New Jersey until she retired in 1983. She also taught and researched at Duke University, the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, and University of Melbourne in Australia, and spent many years after her retirement continuing her research at the UMass Amherst.

Barbara was an active member of the American Botanical Society for many years, as well as the editor of the Botanical Gazette. She taught graduate students from all over the world. She was a renowned botanist, dedicated professor and editor, skilled mountain climber and hiker, accomplished photographer, worldwide traveler, avid reader of mystery books, and dedicated stamp collector. She lived at Applewood in Amherst for many years before moving to the Rockridge Retirement Community in Northampton. She is remembered with love by her sister Dotty's children, Bob Dutton, Judy Obedzinski, Nancy Dutton, Dick Dutton and their families. The family will hold a private memorial service in the fall."

Obituary from Daily Hampshire Gazette, published on Monday, June 16, 2008

2008 Rope Leader Days

Here are the recorded rope leader days for the last five years. I have been pretty careful about recording them, but if you feel that I am missing any of your days, please bring it to my attention. For those of you who do not know it, the club gives a check for a new rope, in appreciation for their service, to any rope leader who has accumulated 45 rope leader days. While this is not the only, or even the most important reason to become a rope leader, it is a great gesture by the club and much appreciated by rope leaders.

Our club is always in need of rope leaders. If anyone is interested in becoming one, see our Safety Chairman, Bill Dietrich, or any rope leader to help you get started.

A rope leader must be willing and able to lead parties to climbing areas, must demonstrate that they have the skills to set up (and to analyze and critique other's set ups) safe top rope anchors, and the knowledge and ability to set up belay anchors and to verify that all climbers can safely tie in and belay. As a rope leader, you are often the first and most visible club representative seen by new climbers and potential members, and by doing this, you help shape the future membership of the club.

I have dropped those from the list who have not lead during the last two years, or who no longer want to be considered rope leaders.

Thanks to those listed below, for their rope leader service. You are, to a large extent, the reason this club continues to thrive.

Rope Leader: Days Served in

| | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | Totals |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Jeff Dull | 10 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 43 |
| Jamie Norris | 14 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 19 | 36* |
| John Pierce | 4 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 33 |
| Rob White | 3 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 33 |
| Ronn Fieldhouse | 2 | - | 7 | 11 | 9 | 29 |
| Dan Czolek | 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| Keith Bielat | - | - | - | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Mary Blandino | 1 | - | 6 | 5 | 5 | 17 |
| Chris Gregory | - | - | - | - | 14 | 14 |
| Dave Kenealy | - | - | - | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Phil Patz | 2 | - | - | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Randy Shaw | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Totals | 73 | 64 | 63 | 69 | 78 | |

These totals do not all add up because some names have been dropped from the list.

* Received a rope in May 07, starting over on count.

Jamie Norris
Outings Chairman-2008

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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.



Climbers on Lower and Upper Slaboratory Wall at Drapers Bluff in Southern IL, Nov. 2, 2008. Photo courtesy of Keith Bielat.

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