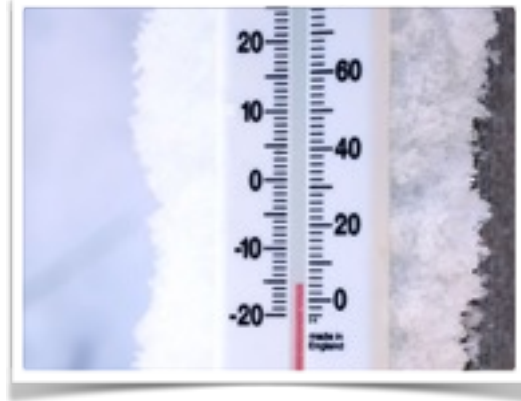


NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Mountaineering - Skills | Experience | Fellowship

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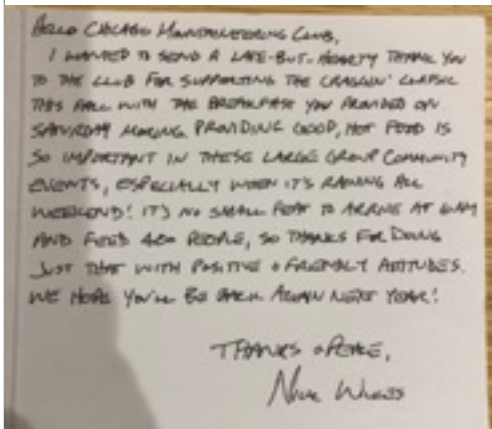
Cold Enough For You?

Might be time to retreat into the gym

With the urging of several Board members, Chris Gregory our Outings Chair, has decided to make an effort to expand our **Indoor Outings Schedule** to include both Vertical Endeavors in Glendale Heights and First Ascent, Avondale. We will be meeting every other Sunday throughout the winter months as follows:

- December 31
- January 14 & 28
- February 11 & 25
- March 11 & 25
- April 8 & 22
- May 6 & 20

The board views these indoor outings as a wonderful opportunity to increase the greater climbing community's awareness of the CMC and its mission to encourage skills development. We are working hard to maintain robust membership levels and insure the continuation of the club into future. Contact Chris with questions: [CLICK HERE](#)



Gear Corner



I have 4 sets of cross country skies with cable bindings that can be used either as down hill or cross country on any type boot. Since my family is all grown up and away and I now am a great grand mother, I do not need these four sets of skis.

Is anybody interested in them, they are sized for 2 adults (5' 4 to 5'9 in height) and 2 teens (5' to 5'4 in height) with poles.

To be given away or sold cheap.

Pat Armstrong
630-983-8404

NOTE: **Chris Gregory** is the [Outings Chair](#). He can answer any questions you might have about CMC outings. Contact Chris at: outings@chicagomountaineeringclub.org

!! Time to Renew !!

2018 Membership Renewal Forms

are now available:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Note that convenient multi-year renewals are now possible!

Ice Climbing



Sandstone Icefest Jan 5-6th, 2018

We usually head up Thursday, climb Fri. and Sat. and drive back Sunday. If you are going and want us to book you a spot in a room, let **Chris Gregory** know which nights.

Here is a link to some info on Sandstone's website:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Canada Trip

As of the board meeting, this trip was not fully flushed out, as Jamie is no longer willing to do all the planning. If someone wants to step up and help Chris organize, I think they are still trying to make a go of it. Watch for updates.



If you missed it, the **December Meeting**, held at the First Ascent indoor climbing gym in Avondale was a **BIG** success! The General portion of the monthly meeting was a standing room only event as we took a conference call from **Jenny Anker**, who brought us up to date on Conrad's health, his current exploits, and her super

human efforts to fundraise towards completion of the **Khumbu Climbing Center** in Nepal. The packed room was informed that the Chicago Mountaineering Club was one of the most generous donors to the project - having raised somewhere close to \$60,000 over the past couple of years. The goal is to complete the building phase in 2018 and hand over daily operation to the sherpas themselves. Plans are for the building to not only function as clubhouse and training facility for Nepalese climbers, but also to showcase the storied history of Sherpa climbers in some of the worlds most ambitious and dangerous alpine climbing expeditions.



Upcoming Programs

January Board Meeting - Jan. 8th

PATAGONIA STORE - Lincoln Park

for directions

[CLICK HERE](#)

February Board Meeting - Feb 12th

To be Announced - but Seth promises to find us a more permanent location!

BOARD MEETINGS are held the **2nd Monday** of the month.

6:30 PM Board Meeting
(All members are welcome to attend)

8:00 PM General Meeting

The following people have submitted **New Membership Applications** for the CMC:

- Steven Witt

The Board has reviewed their applications, and they were given a "First Reading" during the December General Meeting.

"Second Reading"s were given for the following applicants:

- Krastio Lilov
- Teresa Pajor
- Daniel Locks
- Ken Stull

They are now officially members of the Chicago Mountaineering Club. Please welcome them!!

To apply for membership:

[Click Here](#)

2018 Annual Dinner Preparations

Seth has done it AGAIN!!

This year's Annual Dinner Speaker will be:



**National Geographic Explorer
Mike Libecki
& Daughter**

at the **Brookfield Zoo**

For the price of one admission ticket, you get:

- Full access to the entire Brookfield Zoo - All day! Bring the kids!
- **FREE PARKING!**
- **FREE** Raffle ticket for awesome gear!
- Cash Bar with hors d'oeuvres!
- Silent Auction!
- Delicious catered meal and dessert!

To see a short video to find out more about Mike:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Horseshoe Canyon Ranch Outing - Nov '17

2018 Board Members

President – Matt Haraburda
Vice President – Gregg Kane
Secretary - Kevin Field
Treasurer – Marie Nelson
Sergeant at Arms – Dave Kenealy
Outings Chair – Chris Gregory
Publications Chair – Sue Gregory
Programs Chair – Seth Horowitz
Director – George Naxera
Director – Jamie Norris
Director – Bill Dietrich

Appointed positions:

Librarian - Pieter Fockens
Safety Chair - Jacek Witkos
Grounds Chair - Bill Dietrich
Conservation - Doug Hemken
Technology - Marcus Daubaras
Expeditions Chair - Al Graber

Calling 4 Submissions

The **Chicago Mountaineer** is your ticket to fame and ...

PLEASE submit your climbing and mountaineering exploits for publication. Don't think of it as bragging. They don't have to be long or elaborate, or about superhuman feats executed in exotic places. You don't have to be a super great writer. Often it's just the effort that counts. Think campfire stories - folks like to hear what others have been up to. It sparks inspiration! Pictures are always great. All accepted articles are then incorporated into the American Alpine Journal for that year, according to our Librarian, Pieter Fockens.

Please send material to **Sue Gregory**, the **Publications Chair**, through the Contact page on our website:

chicagomountaineeringclub.org

Conservation News

(1) Abelman's Gorge - the WDNR has put off their decision until "winter or spring". They say field work is done, but not the analysis and report. I have requested a copy of the naturalist's report.

(2) Balanced Rock trail realignment - per request from the Park, I've been working on getting this organized for this coming weekend. I really need people to come out on Friday afternoon and Saturday! Skip work Friday, do a good deed in the afternoon, listen to the band at the AAC Craggin Classic Friday evening, climb the rest of the weekend!

Doug Hemken

Call to ACTION!!

Make Rock Climbing Recognized Park Activity!

Make our voices heard!

The **Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources** is conducting a study of current park users. The survey runs through January, please take a moment to fill it out and make rock climbing a priority on the park's agenda! If you enjoy climbing at Devil's Lake, Governor Dodge, and Necedah and care to see more access in the future to currently closed areas with great rock climbs - such as Gibraltar Rock or Abelman's Gorge, please fill out this survey!:

CLICK HERE

For question 1, mark "Other" and fill out "Rock Climbing / Ice Climbing" as well as any other sports you enjoy in WI.

For the question about your county of residence, fill out your county / mark "other". I believe it forces you to pick a Wisconsin county but leave it to the data analyst to sort out!

This is a quick survey, thank you for your help!