



2009-2010

The second meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:45 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. The price is \$55 each for members and \$65 for guests. Please respond as soon as possible using the enclosed card, email, or by telephone only if you are coming to the dinner. Reservations received after the Noon on the Friday preceding the meeting will incur a \$5 late fee. Members who fail to attend without canceling their reservations prior to the above deadline may be liable for the dinner charge.

CONRAD ANKER- "THE SHARK'S FIN"

In September of 2008 Conrad Anker and his partners attempted to climb Mount Meru, a 6,310-meter peak in the Garwhal Himalaya of India. Their goal was the Shark's Fin, a massive high altitude wall that had yet to be climbed despite attempts by many climbers. A week-long storm pinned the team at 5,300 meters. In perhaps the toughest climb of their lives, Conrad and his teammates delved deep into their souls to find the will to continue. The team spent 19 days on the route, including 17 days on the wall, despite having just 10 days of rations with them. Low on endurance and faced with the prospect of negotiating a large granite block that would have meant a night exposed to the elements, they turned back. While they did not make the summit, they cherish the climb for the lessons learned along the way – particularly the role that teamwork and trust plays in surviving difficult times.

Conrad Anker has made a specialty of climbing the most technically challenging terrain he can find. This search has taken him from the mountains of Alaska and Antarctica, to the big walls of Patagonia and Baffin, as well as the massive peaks of the Himalaya. His climbing resume includes first ascents in three regions of Antarctica, all three towers of the Cerro Torre group in Patagonia, including new routes on two of them, and climbs of Latok II and Spansar Peak in Pakistan's Karakorum. Among rock climbers at Yosemite and Zion he is well respected for his numerous speed ascents on El Capitan and difficult new lines that have yet to see second ascents. In addition to all of this, Conrad has reached the summit of Everest on two occasions, the first time as a member of the Mallory & Irvine Research Expedition of 1999. On that occasion Conrad discovered the body of George Mallory, the preeminent Everest explorer of the 1920s.

Conrad is active in numerous charitable causes, including serving on the board of the Conservation Alliance, the Rowell Fund for Tibet and the Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation.

Club Notes: We welcome SARA GLENN of Saint George, Maine and DEBORAH M. SWENSON of Boston as new Members. Please note that to defray the extra costs of our celebratory November 10 dinner, guests will be charged \$65.

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Table 14

Anne Badstuber



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David Smith

800th Meeting
November 10, 2009

MENU

Cocktails

Celery, Salted Almonds and Olives

Grapefruit and Roasted Red Pepper Salad

with Boston Butter Lettuce, Pecans and Camembert Cheese

Red Pepper Vinaigrette

Roasted Mallard Black Duck Breast

with Orange and Grand Marnier Sauce

Saratoga Chips

Steamed Asparagus with Mimosa Topping

Vanilla Pudding à la Nestlerode

with Pastry Cream, Ladyfingers and Rum

Coffee & Tea

Tonight's menu is a re-creation of the menu served at a dinner given to Theodore Roosevelt at the Exchange Club, Boston, on December 12, 1911, at which the former President told of his then recent East African safari.