

## THE ARMS OF THE CLUB

IN 1965 the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland granted to the Cairngorm Club, in the terms set out on p. 225, the coat-of-arms or heraldic achievement illustrated in the frontispiece.

The receipt of this honour by the Club was due entirely to the initiative of the late Dr G. A. Taylor, who was responsible for the presentation of the Club's submission to the Lyon Court, and for putting forward for consideration the salient features of the devices on the shield. The Club is deeply indebted to Dr Taylor for his efforts to ensure that the arms were appropriate.

The principles that were kept in mind in drafting the arms were that the design should be uncomplicated and that the heraldic devices should be of familiar and simple type. They should suggest the foundation of the Club, its main activity, and the locality which the Club considers its own. The latter was met by the incorporation of features appearing in coats-of-arms of the old families associated with the area.

The shield is divided per chevron, as this shape was thought by Dr Taylor to give some idea of a mountain peak, with a red field below to recall the old name of the Cairngorm range, Monadh Ruadh, and blue above to indicate the sky. The silver chevronel may be taken to represent a covering of snow.

The activity of the Club is indicated by the crossed ice-axes, a symbol which occurred on an old badge, while the Motto suggests the circumstances of the formation of the Club near the Shelter Stone. The devices on the shield include extracts from the arms of the two families whose great estates enclosed the Cairngorms. On the true right, or dexter, is a gold cross-crosslet from the ancient arms of the Earl of Mar, while on the left, or sinister, a gold antique crown from the arms of Grant of Grant.