

Honorary Club Member Mario Di Maio

Mario has recently retired as Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team leader, a position he has held for the past 19 years. He has been a member of the team for over 40 years and involved in Mountain rescue at a National level for much of that time. Mario joined the Team when he was 17 years old and developed what has become his lifelong enthusiasm for mountaineering. In 1970 Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team was still in its early days; equipment and funding were both difficult to obtain and Team training was rigorous but fairly basic. Six years later he was deputy leader, a testament to both his leadership skills and the regard his fellow Team members had for him. Mario has devoted his time and his life to mountain rescue since then, as evidenced by the development of the Aberdeen Team to the highly trained and efficient organisation it is today. It is in recognition of this longstanding and highly effective involvement in Mountain rescue, both locally and nationally, that the Committee decided that Mario should become an Honorary member of The Cairngorm Club.

