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The Newsletter of the Cairngorm Club

Muir—Improvements

Those of you who have read the summer edition of "parklife" the magazine of the Cairngorms National Park will have seen the report mentioning that the Cairngorms LEADER + Local Action Group is providing funding of £30,000 for "a proposal to upgrade the Muir of Inverey bothy". The committee are very pleased with this offer of grant. What may not be clear is that this Leader plus funding may only be forthcoming, if there are matching grants from other approved sources. Other grant applications have also been made and we await their outcome. Aberdeenshire Council have kindly approved a grant of £12,000. Following the decision taken at the Special General Meeting the Cairngorm Club applied for Community Amateur Sports Club Status (CASC status). The Inland Revenue has now approved the club's CASC status and the club, is now amongst other things, able to reclaim tax and can match some of the Leader grant. To this end the club would now welcome donations for the Muir funds. Donations however small or large will be most welcome, and in fact with over 500 members if each member donated £20 or £30, after reclaiming tax the club would be well on the way to matching the LEADER + Local Action Group grant. At the moment the project is estimated to cost some £60,000 to £75,000.

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Your committee have decided to ask for quotes for the work. It is hoped to have quotes by the beginning of September, and for construction to start in October. It would be nice to have the funding in place well before then.

The work is to include providing a new kitchen twice as big as the existing one, to upgrade the wiring, to renew the water pipe across the road, to provide additional water storage and to upgrade the roof on the timber extension. We will also make Muir more suitable for the less abled with the addition of a disabled toilet, shower and better access. More and more use of the hut is being made by the less abled, particularly by Beechwood, Rosehill Special Needs Centre and Marpool schools during the week. As one hut custodian reported it is great to read letters of appreciation from youngsters who have never seen deer or squirrels and who can use Muir for a well supervised break. The committee is keen that the club should build on the work started in 1965 when the bequest of Dr. George Taylor, a civil engineering lecturer at Aberdeen University, allowed the then committee to purchase Muir Cottage. The Club owes a lot to former committee members who then purchased and improved Muir. It is up to the club members now to show the club's commitment to mountaineering and to helping the less able, by contributing however much they wish to updating Muir.

Please send donations payable to the Cairngorm Club to

Derek B Pinches

Derek, our treasurer, will then send out a gift aid form, which should then be completed to allow the club to reclaim tax. Derek will soon be contacting those members who have already generously promised financial assistance.

Robbie Middleton Hut Custodian,
Ian Bryce President

Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association



The Association recently held their sponsored walk around the Invercauld Estate. This proved to be a longer but much liked walk, with plenty of variety in terrain and landscape. The weather on the day of the walk was good which was a help. Gill Shirreffs (CC Rep on the Association Committee) did the walk with 2 others from the same committee the weekend prior to the walk, so that they could marshal and dish out refreshments on the day. The day of their walk was not so good, with low cloud and mixed views but at least it remained dry for all but the last section.

Thanks to those members who did sponsor Gill and hopefully some members will join the walk next year. We never know if we may be grateful to the team for assistance, though we do our best to avoid requiring their services. Members perhaps do not realise that the Cairngorm club was active, post war, in the provision of a rescue service which was the forerunner to Mountain Rescue. There are still club members who were closely involved with this so we have very particular connections

Membership

The Club is sorry to have heard of the deaths of Mrs Kathleen Hetherington an Associate member since 1982 and Mrs A H Sommerville an Ordinary Life member since 1931.

The following new members have been admitted since the last Newsletter:

Mr Keith Milne	Ordinary
Mr Jon Yearsley	Ordinary
Mrs Sheryl Binnie	Transfer to Ordinary
Mr George Byers	Associate
Miss Gilah Carter	Associate
Mr Scott Fong	Associate
Mrs Elizabeth Hay	Associate
Miss Sue King	Associate
Miss Carole A Stephen	Associate
Mr Bryan Todd	Associate



Club Journal

It is hoped that the weight of the journal did not wake up too many members as it came thumping through your letter boxes. Should you need another copy please contact our editor Lydia Thompson.

Lydia our editor is to be congratulated on publishing this fine journal while managing to be away on holiday so regularly since retiring. It is rumoured that one club member is already writing an account of his expedition for the next journal



For Sale:
Cairngorm Club Journals nos. 84-96, 101 and 106. Condition variable but not too decrepit. Proceeds to Club funds.. Contact Ken Thomson

Muir Bookings

All bookings for Muir should be made with Joyce Ritchie



Regular Bookings

If you have a long standing regular booking for Muir and you wish this to continue please contact Joyce to let her know.

Extension

Note that it is planned to close Muir from the 24th Oct 2004 to allow the work on the kitchen refurbishment.

Weather



Mountain Call 0906 850 0442 (East)
0906 850 0441 (West)
Climb Line 09001 654 669
Mountainline 09001 200 807 (same as above)
Met Office 09003 444 900
Wetterzentrale www.wetterzentrale.de/topkarten/fsavneur.html
Radio Scotland 6:57 and 17:57 daily (not Sunday)
19:57 Sunday (approx)
BBC 1 'Heather the Weather' at 18:57 (approx)
SAIS www.sais.gov.uk (avalanche forecast)

John Muir Trust Aberdeenshire

The Club is a member of the John Muir Trust. Any Club members interested in joining a work party or organising a group to visit or spend a working weekend at a JMT property on Skye or Knoydart should contact George Cruickshank email: George.B.Cruickshank@btinternet.com). Further details are available at: www.jmt.org

Ceilidh

Hoots Maun! Gie's a Dance!

This year's Ceilidh Dance will take place at the usual venue of The Forum, 3 Skene Tce, Aberdeen on 1st October at 7.30pm for 8.00 pm, dancing to the stomping sounds of Allaidh Modhan. Stovies will be served half way and there will be a fundraising raffle for the Muir Refurbishment Project. (Any donations most gratefully received!). Tickets £10, pay at the door. Please contact Anne Cassidy to book your ticket.



Munros all done!

Joyce Ritchie plans to complete her first round of the Munros with Ben Hope on the 4th of September. You should contact her if you would like to join her.

Mailing Lists

Important Club announcements and the Newsletter are distributed by email. Members who wish to receive these messages should send an email to: cairngormclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com There is also a mailing list for members: cairngorm_club_members-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Physiotherapy Services for treatment of injuries or conditions which have arisen during sporting activities or affect participation in them, other than chronic degenerative conditions.

Cost £21 priority appointments for Club members, next day appointments if booked before 12 noon.

Aberdeen Physiotherapy
01224 626266



Munroist List

To register completion of a full round of Munros or Corbetts, members should write to David Kirk who is "Clerk of the List" for the SMC. Please enclose a SAE for your certificate.

David Kirk
Greenhowe Farmhouse
Banchory-Devenick Aberdeenshire
AB12 5YJ

Pabbay – Climbing Trip June 2004

A group of 11 climbers including Bill Stephenson, Jon Yeardsley, Dave Ogden, Julia Harker and myself made the long journey across to Pabbay in early June 2004.

Pabbay is an uninhabited island south of Barra in the Outer Hebrides. There is a small stream providing fresh water and a beautiful sandy beach with very pleasant camping overlooking it. We stayed on the island for 5 days and had a wide variety of weather most of which didn't last long.

We climbed mainly at Small Buoys Geo and Evening Wall, Rubh' a' Charnain – a short walk from the campsite. The Galley and The Poop Deck at Rubha Grootach which is located at the most westerly point of the island gave some excellent sport along with fine views across to Mingulay and also The Great Arch. Access to the routes at these locations involved an easy walk/scramble to reach their bases although one area – the Poop Deck involved a short abseil. The rock was all Lewisian gneiss and for the most part excellent although some loose stuff was encountered with one route having had some drastic alteration to the start which made it go up in grade from a Severe to an E1!!

Two of the party attempted the Hebridean island classic 'A Prophecy of Drowning' E2 5c on The Great Arch but were rebuffed on the first pitch by a torrential downpour which then left them with a 100m jumar!

We barely scratched the surface of the available climbing, doing routes which ranged in difficulty from V.Diff to E1. We could quite easily have found new routes to do if we had been a wee bit more adventurous and had more time. A superb place to visit and one that I hope I'll be going back to in the near future.

Tim Walmsley

June 2004

CLUBwear

Zip Fleeeces £20

V Neck Fleeeces £15

Body Warmers £12

T-shirts £10

Badges (felt) £5

Limited stock – to Clear

Polo-sweatshirts(2) £10

Sweatshirt(1) £10

Polo-shirts £2.50

Contact:

Marjory Ewan



from the floor. Of course the easiest way for members to ensure that they have the time allowed for their concerns is to inform the Hon Sec beforehand. The Executive Committee are aware that this was a situation that needed to be dealt with as after all we claim to be democratic and every member must have the opportunity to express genuine concerns.

Next year the Gathering (AGM) for 2005 will be held in June at Glenmore Lodge.

Anyone seeking to update their mountaineering skills should take advantage of the various training courses supplied on behalf of the MCof S and shown in The Scottish Mountaineer, which is published quarterly.

Fred Belcher
VP MCof S

Training

The Committee wish to encourage the ongoing acquisition of hill walking and mountaineering skills, particularly where they relate to helping novices or leading others in the hills. Assistance with funding for such courses may be available from the Club; members wishing to avail themselves of this should apply to the Club secretary (Anne Cassidy) with details of the course and its cost in advance of the training being undertaken.



Glenmore Lodge

Glenmore Lodge is the sportscotland National Centre for mountaineering, mountain training, rock climbing and ski mountaineering, amongst other things. Members may obtain discount on many of these courses by virtue of their membership (through the Club) of the MCofS. The Lodge prospectus can be obtained by calling 01479 861256 or can be accessed online at: www.glenmorelodge.org.uk.

Club-Organised Training

First Aid courses may be run when demand is sufficient. Please contact Neil Gauld to register your interest.

Di Gilbert also offers climbing courses tailored to the needs of Club members, details are on the website at:

www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets/climbing/climbcourse.htm.

The Club also arranges Navigation and Winter Skills. Watch the Newsletter and Website for details.

MCofS

Mountaineering Council of Scotland



Where do we start? As usual there is a lot going on. The Access and Conservation Committee are being ever vigilant in tracking the Access Code through its last stages of its journey through the Scottish Parliament to ensure that nothing untoward creeps in that will be to our general disadvantage prior to becoming legal in the near future.

Whilst on about access and conservation and things being legal it would appear that the Council have upset some folk of late. I refer you to the photo montage in the current issue of your Scottish Mountaineer pages 8 and 9. This of course is a photo montage based loosely on a plan submitted as part of a planning application to develop the area shown in the picture. It is the equivalent of an artistic impression. The proposed developers have become very hot under the collar at this impression and are trying to intimidate the council into various courses of action which are currently being resisted. The threats of all sorts of legal action are implied so we feel that for a general impression of what this area could look like if planning consent is granted is close to what any future photograph taken from this viewpoint, subsequent to it being built, could look like. No doubt you will be updated on all matters "wind farm" in future issues of the SM.

The situation regarding the future ownership of the Ratho Adventure Centre rumbles on. As of yet there is no update. There is a management buyout bid on the table but my understanding is that this still requires someone with about a million pounds to come along before the deal can be secured. Of course the National Indoor Climbing Centre is part of Ratho hence our close involvement with what is taking place. Funding for the international youth climbing competitions planned for later this year has been secured so these events should happen as planned.

The Annual Gathering (AGM) of the Council was held back in June at Glenmore Lodge. This year's event attracted quite a large number of members and was considered to be overall successful. However it was felt that things were too tightly scheduled and that there was insufficient room to allow any degree of flexibility. This was obvious in that questions from the floor, which were not agenda items, were less than adequately dealt with. Next year sufficient flexibility will be programmed in to allow members with genuine concerns to raise them

SGM / CASC

On 31st March a Special General Meeting of the Club was held and approved the changes to the Constitution that had been circulated to all members with the notice calling the meeting.

The major change is to the Dissolution clause. If the Club is dissolved at some time in the future, the Ordinary Members no longer share the value of the remaining assets between them. What is now specified in the Constitution is that any remaining assets can only be used for approved sporting or charitable purposes. They may be transferred to:

- another club registered as a community amateur sports club and having objects similar to those of the Club or
- the Scottish governing body for the time being of the sport of mountaineering for use in related community sport or
- a registered charity.

The purpose of the changes was to enable the Club to become a type of charity. The application was approved by the Inland Revenue and the Club is now officially a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). This enables the Club to gain certain benefits - in particular, we can now reclaim standard rate income tax on any donations that are made under the Gift Aid regulations. All that is required is the completion of a small simple declaration by the donor. This will enable the Club to reclaim 28p for every £1 that is donated towards the cost of the Muir Refurbishment Project by members.

Unlike a full charity we will NOT be able to reclaim tax on annual subscriptions.

Derek Pinches
Treasurer / Membership Secretary

DISCOUNTS

*Blacks**Craigdon Sports**Nevisport**Hilltrek - Aboyne**Ballater Climbing*

All the above shops offer discounts to Club members on production of a current membership card

Harvey's Maps

Stocks of the following specialist maps, on waterproof paper, are available to Club Members:

Cairn Gorm (both scales)
Ben Nevis (1:40000)
Torridon (1:25000)
Lochnagar (1:25000)
Glencoe (1:40000)
Skye (1:25000)

1:40000 £4.35

1:25000 £5.55

(P&P extra if required)

Contact

Anne Cassidy

Weekend Meets

Ben Nevis – CIC Hut — 7/8 August

If the weather is kind then ascents of the classic Ben ridges and face climbs are all possible and will undoubtedly be attempted. Staying in the only "alpine" hut in the UK is an experience that is steeped in Scottish climbing tradition. Although this meet has been fully booked for some time there have may be last minute cancellations or camping possibilities. Contact Andy Lawson



Arrochar – Ardmay House — 18/19 September

Staying in the Ardmay outdoor centre, continental breakfast and Saturday evening meal are included in the in the price of £36.50. The main attraction is the Corbett—Ben Arthur (The Cobbler to you and me). This has several rock climbs featured in Classic Rock which ought to be on all climbers tick list. For the walker the Munros Ben Ime, Ben Narnain, Ben Vane, Ben Vorlich and Beinn Bhuidhe are all close at hand. For Sunday the crags of the Central Lowlands beckon with Ben An, the Whangie, Craigmore and for the keen boulderer (or E9 climber) Dumbarton Rock all worth a visit before heading North. Contact Garry Wardrope

Bridge of Orchy – Glencoe Ski Club Hut — 23/24 October

Superbly situated in the centre of the Western Highlands there are many Munros which can be accessed from here, from Crainlarich to Glencoe or closer to hand Ben Dorain or the Blackmount group. Contact Ian Bryce

Indoor Meets

The venue for Indoor Meets is the Mannofield Cricket Club (Morningside Road, off Great Western Road). The price of £2.50 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. With ample parking and a large room for the presentations this is an excellent venue. Members are welcome to use the bar facilities in the comfortable lounge area before and after the talk.

Climbing Meets

Prospective members and those members that require Club equipment should contact the Co-ordinator in advance of the meet.

Mid-week (Thursday) walks (details on previous page)

The meeting points (all car parks) are listed below. Please arrive promptly at the meeting points. On some occasions these arrangements will change, so please contact one of the organisers if you are in doubt or need further information. Circular walks are annotated **C**, point to point as **AB**.

Code	Location	Grid ref.
KF	Kirkhill Forest	855113
RD	Riverside Drive	928036
CW	Countesswells	870045
P	Persley	910093

For the latest details, see the Club website at:

<http://www.cairngormclub.org.uk/meets.htm>

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Details of Meets, issued July 2004.

Bus Meets



Bookings should be made to the Bus Meets Secretary, Andrew Lawson. Members under 21, in full-time education or holding a UB40 can attend for half price.

Where shown, prices include a meal. Those requiring a vegetarian meal should indicate this on the booking form. Those not wishing the meal or not using the bus should contact Bus Meets Secretary for reduced price details.

The descriptions given are not exhaustive, and members may take any route they desire. Other drop-off / pick-up points are possible - ask on the bus. However, members are reminded that they are responsible for their own and their guests' safety, for ensuring that they and their guests are properly equipped for whatever they undertake, and for ensuring that what they plan can be accomplished in the time available having regard to the conditions.

CAR MEET— Clachnaben & Mt Battock – Sunday 15th August

Meet at Woodhill House car park, 9:00 or Clachnaben car park (649886) 10:00. Contact Ian Bryce to co-ordinate cars. An excellent opportunity to climb this NE landmark with a mass ascent of the Club Crack planned.

Cairngorm Traverse – Sunday 12th September

“The most popular bus meet of the year.”

Set off from the Cairngorm Car Park through the heart of the Cairngorms to the Linn of Dee taking in various Munros e.g. Cairngorm, Beinn Mheadoin, Derry Cairngorm or traverse the Lairig Ghru or Lairig an Laoigh. (Leader: Geoff Cumming)

Bridge of Gairn to Invercauld – Sunday 10th October

Walk from Gairnshiel Lodge through to Invercauld via ascent of Culardoch. An unusual approach to this Corbett with views of Ben Avon. High tea in Ballater included. (Leader: Joyce Ritchie)

Sidlaw Hills – Sunday 7th November

A pleasant walk from Newtyle, over a number of lower hills in the Angus region, to Petterden. High Tea, in the village of Meagle, included. (Leader: Garry Wardrope)

Ben Vrackie – Sunday 5th December

Ascent of the Corbett Ben Vrackie, possibly in winter conditions, finishing at the Moulin Hotel for High Tea – which has it's own brewery! (Leader: Jean Robinson)



Key to calendar overleaf:

Bus Meets (departure time; map sheet; grid reference of drop-off and pick-up points; meal location; cost)

Indoor Meets (start time; organiser; cost)

Weekend Meets (organiser; contact details) Further details on next page.

Mid Week Walks (walk type; departure time; map sheet; departure point; organisers; contact details)

Climbing (meeting time; high water; sunset; meeting place; co-ordinator; contact details)

JULY		
20	Tue	Climbing Clashrodney (Rocky Crags) (6pm; HW 16:23, SS 21:43; Bumbank Village car park.(car share); Adrian Scott)
27	Tue	Climbing The Humpback (6pm; HW 22:22, SS 21:30; Bumbank Village car park; Fred Belcher)
29	Thu	MW Walk Mount Battock (C; 9.15 am; 44; RD; Isobel Paton & Margaret Brooker)
AUGUST		
3	Tue	Climbing Meikle Partans (6pm; HW 16:25, SS 21:16; Slains Castle car park.; Kevin Bannister)
7-8	Sat	W/E Meet Ben Nevis - C.I.C. Hut (Andy Lawson)
10		Climbing Deceptive Wall (6pm; HW 22:24, SS 21:00; Doonies Farm car park; Garry Wardrope)
15	Sun	Car Meet Clachnaben & Mt Battock - CAR MEET 9.00 am Woodhill House CP or 10.00 Clachnaben CP)
17	Tue	Climbing Clashrodney (Bareside Point) (6pm; HW 15:26, SS 20:42; Bumbank Village car park.(car share); Euan Docherty)
24	Tue	Climbing Longhaven Quarries (6pm; HW 20:35, SS 20:24; Longhaven Quarry car park; Adrian Scott)
26	Thu	MW Walk Craig Leek (C; 8.30 am; 43 44; CW; Ruth Payne)
31	Tue	Climbing Alans Cliff (6pm; HW 15:21, SS 20:06; Bumbank Village car park; Majory Ewan)
SEPTEMBER		
7	Tue	Climbing Black Rock Gulch (6pm; HW 20:05, SS 19:47; Bumbank Village car park)
12		Bus Meet Cairngorm Traverse (7.00 am; 36,43; 989061 to 062897; 9 hrs; No meal; £13.80)
14	Tue	Climbing Souter Head (6pm; HW 14:25, SS 19:28; Bumbank Village car park; Euan Docherty)
18-19	Sat	W/E Meet Arrochar - Ardmay House (Garry Wardrope)
21	Tue	Climbing Boltsheugh (6pm; HW 18:58, SS 19:08; Skateraw Rd. Newtonhill; Kevin Bannister)
30	Thu	MW Walk Cairn Leuchan\Am Mullach (C; 8.30 am; 44; CW; Peggy & Jack Connell)
OCTOBER		
1	Fri	Cellidh Ceilidh Dance - with Allaidh Modhan. (8.00 pm; Anne Cassidy; £10.00)
10	Sun	Bus Meet Bridge of Gairn to Invercauld (7.00 am; 36,37; 294008 to 188913; 8 hrs; Ballater; £17.50)
13	Wed	Indoor Members' Night—Mannofield—Aberdeenshire Cricket Club. (7.30 pm; £2.50)
23-24	Sat	W/E Meet Bridge of Orchy - Glencoe Ski Club Hut (Ian Bryce)
28		MW Walk Bennachie (AB; 9.15 am; 38; CW; Evelyn Massie & Hella Alexander)
NOVEMBER		
7	Sun	Bus Meet Sidlaws Hills (8.00 am; 53,54; 298414 to 415405; 7 hrs; Meigle; £18.00)
10	Wed	Indoor tba (7.30 pm; £2.50)
13-14	Sat	W/E Meet Strathconnon - Inn Hostel (Jim Bryce)
17	Wed	AGM Mannofield Cricket Club (7.00 pm)
20	Sat	Dinner Sycamore Suite, Hilton Aberdeen Treetops Hotel (6:30pm for 7:00; Neil Cromar)
25	Thu	MW Walk Cairns of Balmoral (C; 9.15 am; 44; CW; Elizabeth & James Friend)
DECEMBER		
5	Sun	Bus Meet Ben Vrackie (8.00 am; 43,52; 918622 to 944592; 6 hrs; Moulin; £18.70)
8	Wed	Indoor tba (7.30 pm; £2.50)
11-12	Sat	W/E Meet Aberfeldy - The Bunkhouse (Geoff Cumming)
30	Thu	MW Walk Kerloch (C; 9.15 am; 45; CW; Judy Middleton)