



Glasgow Glenmore Club **Newsletter Autumn 2007**

Editorial

It's that time of year again. I like to think that there is still some summer waiting for us out there but in this newsletter we are looking ahead at the details up until Hogmanay!

Driving back last week from the almost treeless Rum, I was struck by the magnificent foliage along Loch Lomond. We start the season's weekend meets with a trip to the East side of the country. Maybe a little early but it is, nevertheless, the route with the best autumn colours and there is likely to be an excellent display en route.

Also mindful of the request at the AGM to explore some of the other branches of our logo, the first daymeet and especially the September weekend offer that option.

With the website in full swing again the photo gallery awaits your adventurous and artistic contributions. Our club **IS** good at this, please, don't hide your light under a bushel!

Your ideas will also be sought on small hostel meets and on a trip abroad. So, start dreaming!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ingrid

Footpaths Annual Donation

The committee investigated various options and it was decided that this year's donation should go to the John Muir Trust. The cheque will be presented to their speaker in June.

If you know of any other suitable organizations, please give details to any member of the committee so that we can table a full list at next year's AGM.

Equipment

Two new helmets will be bought in accordance with H&S requirements. They are replacements and not additions to our current stock.

If you have any older helmets, as I do, of the Joe Brown era, Douglas assures me they are made of sterner stuff and are ok.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say that a previous committee decided to lend out club equipment only on club meets. Again, this is a H&S measure. So, unfortunately, you are not able to use club gear on private expeditions.

Programme for 2007-2008

The full year's programme of outdoor and indoor meets is at the back of this newsletter.

For the weekend outdoor meets, here is a reminder of the booking arrangements introduced last year with item (4) having been agreed at the 2006 AGM:

1. Members wanting to attend a meet should, in the first instance, telephone or e-mail the coordinator for that month, in order to ascertain that a place (or places) is/are available and to confirm that a place (s) is/are requested. Alternatively, a member can add his /her name to the meet list at an indoor meeting.
2. A cheque for the appropriate amount should then be sent to the coordinator asap
So that the coordinator receives it within a week of the action per (1) above.
3. If a member sends a cheque without first taking actions (1) above, then that Member cannot be allocated a place until the cheques have been received from
Members who had intimated their wish to attend that meet per (1) above during the week before the date that cheque was received (i.e. from the member who not taken action per (1) above.
4. Bookings to open about a week after issue of newsletter. Also, note that two Places will be reserved for potential/new members. If they are not taken up two weeks before the meet, the places will be released to other members.

For the weekend meets in this newsletter, booking will be taken on or after 4 September.

All indoor meets are on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.30 pm, except The Ceilidh which is on Friday 7 December. INDOOR MEETS ARE AT THE USUAL VENUE OF THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE HYNDLAND BOWLING CLUB IN QUEENBOROUGH GARDENS, G 12.

September Co-ordinator Phyllis Smith**Thursday 6 September Fred Craddock Tales of 'Daring and Doing'**

This season opens with a very enjoyable talk from Fred on his experiences and adventures during 30 years as a member of the Glasgow Glenmore Club.

Pre-meet meal is at Di Maggio's, Ruthven Lane, at 6 pm. Please tell Phyllis if you wish to dine.

**Sunday 9 September Aberfoyle (Town Centre Car Park) OS57
GR519001**

Meet for 9.30 am. There are many choices of activities – mountain biking in Queen Elizabeth Forest, kayaking, bird watching at David Marshall Lodge, climbing on Ben A'an or walking up the hill of your choice.

**Friday 14 – Sunday 16 September Small Hostel Meet – Strawberry Cottage
OS25 GR132207**

The accommodation sleeps a maximum of 12 at £10 pp for the weekend. The cottage is only 43 miles from Inverness but it takes almost 2 hours of motoring. The 11 miles of public road west of Cannich are single track with passing places and then there is a rough track of 5 miles. This is a true walk-in hut, but we can use one car to take in the gear. There are plenty of hills – Mam Sodhail, and Carn Eige, to mention but two.

**Friday 21 – Sunday 24 September Hostel/Camping Weekend OS36
GR976099**

The SYHA hostel has been booked for 20 places. The hostel has been renamed 'Cairngorm Lodge' but is "Loch Morlich" to us. The cost is £42 for 3 nights, pp.

For those who wish to camp at Glenmore Forest Holiday Campsite, across the road from the hostel, the booking telephone number is 0845 130 8224. The site name is Glenmore Forest Holidays and the site telephone number is 01479 861 271, www.forest-holidays.com.

If you do not wish to walk up many of the great hills around you, you could hire a mountain bike, go sailing, windsurfing or canoeing.

**Thursday 27 September Foreign Trip Discussion
Meet**

This will be an opportunity for everyone to make suggestions for next year's foreign trip and, whether indeed, we wish to have one or not. We will start at 7.30 pm prompt in order to have time for socialising afterwards.

They will expect the first arrivals about 6pm. Please inform the co-ordinator if you will be earlier.

November Co-ordinator Mary Cox

Thursday 1 November

Winterskills

The M C of S Winterskills DVD will be the basis for this session, providing us with the opportunity to think about safety, equipment and our preparations for walking the hills in Winter.

Sunday 11 November Ochils OS 58 GR 885 975

Meeting at the car park at the foot of Alva Glen there are several options for climbing Ben Cleuch, the highest point of the Ochils as well as other hills including Ben Ever, Ben Buck, The Law and Andrew Gannel Hill.

Harveys have a Superwalker map with suggested routes.

Thursday 15 November Muriel Bone Ceilidh Practice

It's hard to believe but the ceilidh will be only 3 weeks away so time to slip on your dancing shoes and get ready to skip gaily and gainly.

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 November Hawes YH OS98 GR 868 898

We return to the Yorkshire Dales after four years and have booked Hawes youth hostel for the exclusive use of the club so I hope we'll get a good turnout. Hawes is a pretty village with some very nice pubs and a rope museum, what more could you want?

Access to the 3 peaks and many smaller pikes and fells.

There are 2 single rooms and 4 twin rooms at £16ppn, dorms at £12.50ppn and 2 twin en-suite rooms at £20ppn. Please specify your requirements when you book.

December Coordinator Alice Harrison**Friday 7 December 2007**
Thursday**Note Friday, not**

The Ceilidh returns again this year following on the success last year. Venue is Hyndland Bowling Club. Eric Thomson and friends will provide a festive night with many favourite tunes and dances. The well stocked bar will be open.

Any contributions of party food for the supper are welcome as ever.

£6-00 per ticket.

Sunday 9 December Crianlarich OS 50
GR386253

The day meet at Crianlarich provides a short drive to a range of nearby peaks. Meet at the car park at the Rod and Reel in Crianlarich at 9.30am. With any luck, we'll have a sprinkling of snow.

Saturday 29 December - Wednesday 2 January Inchnadamph New Year OS
15 GR NB253219

Please note the dates include Saturday 29 which is one additional day to the previous draft list of meets.

New Year sees a return to the ever popular Inchnadamph lodge in Assynt. We have booked the entire hostel. There is dormitory accommodation at £56 per person for 4 nights. There is also limited accommodation for couples at £80 per person for 4 nights. There is no discount for fewer nights. Bed linen is included for all rooms, towels are provided only in double and twin rooms. The hostel is well appointed with a drying room, self catering kitchen and large dining hall where we will host the customary Hogmanay Ceilidh.

There will be a communal meal on Monday 1 January. Alice will be in touch nearer the time for volunteer cooks.

To book a double or twin room, please phone first to check availability. The first people to phone with a cheque to follow secure the room. I would urge everyone to book in good time before December as this is bound to be a popular meet. There is a good website.

Membership News

Alice from Munich:

“I was in Schottland on holiday. Enjoyed my stay very much. Ingrid and I were busy: we went to Rum, Ben Nevis, Ben A’an, Dumgoyne and Bute. My 8th visit, 1st without rain AND a view from Ben Nevis. Soooooooooo much to do in Scotland. Hi to everyone. I hope to see some of you again next time I’m here.”

A new membership list will be posted out shortly, under separate cover.

Compleations

I omitted in the last Newsletter, that Sue Johnston ‘compleated’ her round of Corbetts on Beinn Dronaig on 15 July. Pictures of the event are on the website. Congratulations and ‘sorry’ Sue. David Foster will welcome you on his round of Grahams, I’m sure. What is Gordon ticking at present?

Website

The website is being managed again by John McP. He and Colin are putting their heads together for new ideas and a new look. If you have any ideas at all, please let John know. Also, keep sending him pictures.

I think we would all like to thank Elisabeth for conscientiously keeping us informed about talks and discount nights via e-mail. Thank you, Elisabeth. Hope to see you on the hill very soon (you know I spotted you in the café, so now it’s time to raise the altitude level!). See you, John and Victoria soon.

Library

We should soon have a copy of the DVD of the travels (if that’s the right word) of Tom Weir. Other new purchases are, I think, to follow, namely on mountaineering skills. There is also an assortment of books and DVDs available. List on website.

It remains for me to wish you a wonderful time on the hills. I will be swanning around Switzerland and thinking of you all. Hope you have nice weather. Ingrid

Summer 2007 Newsletter

Mountain Bothies Association (MB)

MBA Summer 2007 Newsletter

This edition of the MBA Newsletter contains all the latest MBA news, including updates on bothy conditions and renovations, notice of the next AGM at Longwathby (E of Penrith) on 13th October, together with Notices of Election at that AGM and news of the possible closure of Camasunary bothy on the route via the "Bad Step" from Elgok to Coruisk, on Skye.

Other interesting articles included:-

- "Trust Your Instincts" - an amusing story with a moral for all GGC members going to Jura in May 2008
- "An Adventure in Galloway" - record of a trip visiting 8 bothies and covering about 100 miles.
- "A Weekend at Essan" - a typical work party weekend, with lots of miscellaneous work done, but also including musical evening entertainment (Essan is on S side of Loch Eilt).
- "Fact or Fiction" - an amusing record of entries from "Greg's Hut" bothy book.

A recent discussion on the MBA Website Forum (www.mountainbothies.org.uk) was entitled "What do people expect from a Bothy?" - interesting reading!

This latest MBA Newsletter is, as usual, available on loan from the Club Librarian.

| Outdoor Meets | Indoor Meets |
|---|---|
| September (Phyllis) ** 9 Aberfoyle (town centre car park) 14-16 Strawberry Cottage 21-24 Loch Morlich (camping and SYA) | 6 "Tales of Daring and Doing" Fred Craddock 27 Foreign Trip Discussion Meet |
| October (David) 14 Arrochar 26-28 Tulloch Bunkhouse | 4 Yoga for Mountaineers - PamelaMartin 18 Peter Willimott from John Muir Trust |
| November (Mary) 11 Ochils 23-25 Hawes Youth Hostel | 1 MCoFS Winterskills DVD+Equipment Demo 15 Ceilidh Practice (with Muriel Bone) |
| December (Alice) 9 Crianlarich (car park @ Rod & Reel) 29-29 Inchnadamph | 7 Friday! - Ceilidh |
| January (Ingrid) 13 Glen Coe (Kingshouse Hotel) 25-27 Burn's Supper Craigower Lodge, Newtonmore | 17 Climbing in the Himalaya Evelyn McNicol |
| February (Jon) 17 Ben Vorlich (Loch Earn) 29-2 Fort William/Onich | 7 |
| March (Colin) 9 Crieff 21-24 Cannich (Easter) | |
| April (Isobel) 13 Glen Lyon 18-19 Mull (a final Munro) * | 17 Planning and Suggestion Meet |
| May (Douglas) 2-5 Jura 23-26 Torridon (Gordon) *** | 8 AGM |
| June 13-15 Ballater. Camping | |
| July Foreign Meet | |
| September 14 26-29 Skye. Portnalong | 18 |

* Change of date ** Multi Sport ***Meet details not yet finalized