



GLASGOW GLENMORE CLUB NEWSLETTER WINTER 2004

Editorial

Now that the short days are here we have one ingredient for winter days on the hill and let's hope we get some great weather, so dust down your cold weather kit and be prepared ! And what better start could we have had for the season than the 50th celebration dinner dance at Loch Lomond Youth Hostel on 30th. October. It was a great success and every one of the 132 current and former members, along with partners etc. thoroughly enjoyed the evening. For a full photographic record do visit the website. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a memorable occasion and in particular to Gordon Dykes.

The committee has arranged a varied programme over the next 3 months and there should be something for everyone, including our first New Year meet in England, the ever popular Burns weekend and the epic challenge of the quiz night to name but a few. And if you are planning to go on a weekend meet, then don't delay your decision too long because places often go quite quickly.

Please remember this is your newsletter, so if you have any items to include then do let me know. Also, please tell me or any other committee member about ideas you have for the Club – e.g. new places to have a meet , speakers or topics for indoor meets or issues you feel need to be looked at. There is no need to wait until the AGM to share your thoughts !

So, have a great Christmas and New Year and best wishes to everyone for 2005.

Henry

Subscriptions

A final reminder to the handful of members who haven't yet sent their cheques to Arthur Whittaker. November 30th. is the cut-off date for payment, so don't delay and send your membership card, sae and sub to Arthur at 10, Glasgow Road, Milngavie, Glasgow G62 6AL. What great value - £22 for adults living in Scotland, £10 for those outwith Scotland and also for Associate members (16-18 year old) – and it includes BMC insurance cover whilst on the hill.

Programme

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Friday 10th December: Christmas Ceilidh at Toby's Bar, Jordonhill College. 8.00pm.

Tickets are £8 in advance £10 on the night. On sale at indoor meets or by post. The usual frolics with a light buffet, a cheap bar, music by the Reel Thing. Bring your friends, children, ex-members etc.

Sunday 12th December: Rest and be Thankful. OS56 GR230074

Meet in the car park at the top of the hill. If the weather is dodgy Dave is intending to lead a group to the Glen Loin caves. If you want to come, then old clothes are recommended plus a head torch and a ball of string. A bottle of whisky would add to the 1930's howff atmosphere.

Friday 31st December 2004 to Tuesday 4th January 2005 : Lake District: Helvellyn YH OS90 GR366173

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/hostelpages/161.html>

The hostel is one mile from Glenridding at the south end of Ullswater and is signposted from the village. The last ¾ mile is not surfaced but OK for cars.

The price of £55 per person, £34 for under 18's, is for the four nights and includes a 'special' hostel prepared communal evening meal on the Saturday 1st. January. If you would like the hostel to provide any further meals, and they will do a full service including packed lunches, then please let Dave know. You won't be asked to provide any communal food this year!

The accommodation is mainly in 2 and four bedded rooms – Dave will get more details and assign rooms in advance. Please send your cheques to him by the 10th December, made out to the Glasgow Glenmore Club

January Co-ordinator Alice Mitchell 0141 954 9969

Sunday 9th January Aberfoyle car park at 9.30.am OS 57 GR NN 521 010

Meet at the western end of the car park in Aberfoyle behind the garden centre to rendezvous for trips to Stronachlachar, Ben Venue, Loch Ard forest or a short walk around Loch Chon.

Thursday 13th January: The Farrow's End to End cycle ride.

Pre-meet meal at Di Maggio's, Ruthven Lane, at 6.00 pm.

On Friday July 17 1896 John Foster Fraser, Edward Lunn and FH Lowe set off on a round the world tour, the longest bicycle ride ever attempted. 107 years later on Friday July 17th 2003 Monica, Colin and David set off on their longest ride. Join them for a fast paced, 20 miles/minute, account of their adventures cycling the length of the country. Never a dull moment and yes there are some pictures of hills!

This promises to be a fascinating session as we empathise with aching legs and saddle sores. How they coped with weather, traffic and transporting equipment will all be revealed.

Friday 21st –Sunday 23rd January: Burns Night Supper Loch Ness Youth Hostel. OS 34 GR 457 191

It's time to dust down the kilt again and to look forward to the annual post festive season highlight of the club social calendar We have booked the entire hostel and annex. With the Great Glen walking and cycling track, Nessie watching, and even a few hills, this promises to be another memorable weekend.

With plenty of cheering spirits to toast the Bard, you may not even need a hot water bottle. Be prepared if you suffer from cold feet as it is rumoured that it may be chilly in some areas of the hostel. Rooms are mainly 4 bedded dorms, with 3 larger dorms and a few 2 bed dorms and will be allocated ahead of time. The cost is £17 per person for the entire weekend including the haggis meal. Please make cheques payable to Glasgow Glenmore Club.

Thursday 27th January: Alan Begbie - Mountain Safety.

Pre-meet meal at Di Maggio's, Ruthven Lane, at 6.00 pm

Alan Begbie, who previously worked with Strathclyde Police Mountain rescue, will give a presentation on mountain safety. His years of experience of the unexpected and of coping with the unprepared will no doubt provide some anecdotes on which to reflect. Many of us will have much to learn from him.

February Co-ordinator Hugh Bourhill 0141 357 5404

Thursday February 10th : Club Quiz Night set by Alice Mitchell, Gordon Dykes, & John Donnelly

Test your knowledge and pit your wits against Scotland's finest, come along to arguably the most popular indoor meet of the year and see how you stack up. Whose names will adorn the ice-axe for 2005?

Sunday February 13th. -9.30am – Carsphairn. OS 77 GR 559 934 Please note change of venue

A day meet at The Glenkens in Galloway where there is something for everyone. For the energetic a traverse of the Rhinns of Kells, the pick of two ticks for the Corbetteers, or a choice of many low level forest and lochside walks in the event of bad weather.

Carsphairn is nine miles south of Dalmellington on the A713 and has easy access to the hills. Meet at the Heritage Centre where there is ample parking. A pub, and a coffee shop/store are conveniently located in the village for "après walk" refreshments.

Thursday February 24th: Loch.Lomond National Park Jimmy Connelly Area Access Officer

Jimmy Connelly, an Area Access Officer with the recently formed National Park, will discuss issues surrounding the Scottish Outdoor Access Code with regard to provision of access within the National Park and The Land Reform Act (Scotland). Jimmy's talk will be illustrated by a power point presentation.

Friday February 25th - Sunday February 27th :Glen Clova The Steading Bunkhouse OS 44 GR 327 733

A block booking has been made for all 32 places in this self catering bunkhouse, a purpose designed conversion of old stone steading buildings

All bedding is provided, and the facilities of the adjacent Glen Clova Hotel are also available to bunkhouse guests, including bars and restaurants. In view of the anticipated uptake for this weekend the Hotel has requested that we give them advance notice of any dinner reservations that may be required, so please advise Hugh when signing up

The bunkhouse is located in the most beautiful of the Angus Glens surrounded by stunning scenery with countless hill walking opportunities, so this should prove to be a

very popular meet. To reserve a place send a cheque for £20 to Hugh Bourhill, made out to Glasgow Glenmore Club.

To get there from Kirriemuir follow the signposts to “The Glens” to Dykehead (B955) and from there the road directs you to Glen Clova

50th. Anniversary Book

‘A great read’ ‘I re-trod my early years in the Club’ ... ‘Superb photographs’ – these were just a few of the praises about the book overheard at the recent anniversary dinner. So, if you haven’t yet bought your copy of ‘How You’ve Changed – 50 Years of the Glasgow Glenmore Club,’ then don’t delay ! Or you may want another copy to send as a Christmas presentwhatever the reason, simply contact Caroline Thompson on 0141 931 5368 or carolinemt2001@yahoo.co.uk . Price is £10 or £12 including p&p.

The production of the book merits the thanks of everyone in the Club to the Book Committee, comprising Colin Farrow, John McPartlin, Harrold and Connie Thomson and Caroline Thompson, with support from Denis Pigeon. Over 3 years’ hard work have produced an excellent account of the Club. Special thanks go to Colin for all the extra effort needed to see the book through the final editing and production stages.

Club Tee-Shirt

The order is now being placed for Tee-shirts requested by members and they should be available at the Christmas ceilidh and probably at the country dancing indoor meet on 25th. November. For those who haven’t yet decided to buy one, there will be the opportunity to place an order later. Every member should have received details about the Tee-shirt either by e-mail or post, but if you’ve lost these then contact Henry.

Other entries for your diary:

Cotswold Discount Opening: the store is holding a 20% Christmas Contract account evening on Thursday 2nd. December at their store in the West End Retail Park, Crow Road, Partick. It lasts from 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm and there will be refreshments available. It is expected that Mr. Drew Scarborough will be on hand to personally fit you with new boots: several members have spoken of his patience and skill in this tricky task. Drew is a trained boot-fitter with the company. If you are planning to buy boots and want to be certain that Drew will be there on the 2nd., then telephone the store on 0141 357353.

Dundee Mountain Film Festival, Friday 26th. – Sunday 28th. November

The theme of this year’s mountain film festival is exploration and discovery. A total of 22 films will be screened at the Bonar Hall, Dundee, starting on Friday night and running

through to Sunday afternoon. Also, there are presentations, trade stands and a competition – so there should be something for everyone.

More details on www.dmff.org.uk



Mountain Bothies Association (MBA)

Annual Report for Year Ending 31 March 2004

This report included a review of all work done to bothies over the previous year in all areas, together with the Annual Financial Report, which shows a healthy balance.

Over the year, there has been a substantial increase in membership and the MBA has been busy, with 65 work parties involving 1059 work days.

The MBA AGM was held at Laggan on 16 October and will be reported in a later GGC Newsletter.

Newsletter : Autumn 2004

Updated news on all bothies in all areas were in this MBA Newsletter and included a full description of a major work party at Loch Chiarain (North of Blackwater Dam) involving helicopter, Argocat and boat – not to mention 36 volunteers over a two week period.

Articles in this issue included among others –

1. further notes collected by Irvine Butterfield, of Lexie Campbell , who was brought up in what is now Glen Pean Bothy.
2. historical notes of Glen Coul and Glendhu in the far North-West and
3. advice on Lyme Disease, transmitted by ticks, including avoidance, treatment and dangers.

Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society (Scotways)

Annual Report

The resignation of Donald Bennet, known to many GGC members and a friend of the Club, from his position as Hon. President of Scotways was regretfully reported, after a long association with Scotways. This resignation is due to his present illness, and his invaluable help to Scotways over a long period of years was acknowledged. His place is likely to be taken by John Bartholomew after the Society's AGM on 20 November, and who comes from a long line of Bartholomews (of mapping fame) who have served Scotways over the years.

Articles in this Report included a description of an interesting walk from Kingairloch to Ardtornish (Morven/Ardgour – look it up on OS Sheet 49!), a book review of Hamish

Brown's "The Fife Coastal Path", a report on all the Scotways organised 2003/2004 walks and the Field Officer's Report.

Both the above Annual reports and Autumn Newsletter are available from Connie Thomson, the current librarian.

Glasgow Glenmore Club Library List - November 2004

| REF. NO. | TITLE | AUTHOR | YEAR |
|----------|--|----------------------|------|
| 001 | Call-Out | Hamish MacInnes | |
| 002 | The Eiger | Dougal Haston | |
| 004 | Chance in a Million | Bob Barton | |
| 006 | Space below my Feet | Gwen Moffat | |
| 007 | The Cuillin of Skye | B H Humble | 1986 |
| 009 | Mountaineering for All | Richard Gilbert | 1981 |
| 010 | Making Camping and Outdoor Gear | D Platten | 1981 |
| 012 | First Aid for Hillwalkers and Climbers | J Renouf & S Hulse | 1978 |
| 013 | Safety on Mountains | BMC | 1988 |
| 013A | Safety on Mountains | BMC | 1975 |
| 013B | Safety on Mountains | BMC | 1975 |
| 014 | Modern Snow and Ice Techniques | Bill March | 1976 |
| 015 | Map Reading | Know the Game Series | 1965 |
| 016 | Mountain Weather for Climbers | David Unwin | 1978 |
| 017 | Rock Climbing | Know the Game Series | 1958 |
| 018 | Southern Highlands | SMC Guide | 1972 |
| 018A | Southern Highlands | SMC Guide | 1952 |
| 019 | Central Highlands | SMC Guide | 1968 |
| 019A | Central Highlands | SMC Guide | 1952 |
| 019B | Central Highlands | SMC Guide | 1952 |
| 020A | Western Highland | SMC Guide | 1973 |
| 021 | Cairngorms | SMC Guide | 1989 |
| 021A | Cairngorms | SMC Guide | 1968 |
| 022 | Munros Tables | SMC Guide | 1997 |
| 023 | Scottish Peaks | W A Poucher | 1968 |
| 025 | Scottish Hill Tracks – Northern Scotland | D G Moir | 1975 |
| 026 | Lakeland Peaks | W A Poucher | 1965 |
| 027 | The Lake District | John Blair | |
| 028 | Buachaille Etive Mor | SMC Climbers Guide | 1959 |
| 029 | Cairngorms (Northern) | SMC Climbers Guide | 1961 |
| 030 | Arran | SMC Climbers Guide | 1958 |
| 031 | Scrambles in Lochaber | Noel Williams | |
| 032 | Glasgow Outcrops | | 1976 |
| 033 | Whangie Climbs | Guide | |
| 033A | Whangie Climbs | Guide | |

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| 035 | Heading for the Scottish Hills – Access | | |
| 036 | Hamish's Mountain Walk | Hamish Brown | |
| 037 | Man of Everest (Autobiography of Tenzing) | J R Ullman | |
| 038 | Hazards of Avalanche and Crevasse (Video) | BMC | |
| 039 | Everest Impossible Victory | Peter Habeler | |
| 041 | Mountaineering in Scotland | W H Murray | |
| 042 | Classic Rock | Ken Wilson | |
| 043 | Hard Rock | Ken Wilson | |
| 045 | Rock Climbing in Britain | David Jones | |
| 046 | Scottish Mountain Climbs | Donald Bennet | |
| 047 | Mountain Adventures | Karl Lukan | |
| 048 | The Hillwalkers' Guide to Scotland | Bruce Sandison | |
| 049 | Climb Every Mountain | Craig Caldwell | |
| 051 | The Shishapangma Expedition | Doug Scott | |
| 052 | Torrison Highlands | Brenda G Macrow | |
| 053 | Scottish Walks and Legends (East) | Janice Anderson | |
| 055 | Touching the Void | Joe Simpson | 1989 |
| 056 | Modern Rope Techniques | Bill March | 1990 |
| 058 | Hypothermia Frostbite & Other Cold Injuries | Wilkerson | 1986 |
| 060 | The Handbook of Climbing | Allen Fyfe & Iain Peter | |
| 061 | Classic Mountain Scrambles in Scotland | Andrew Dempster | |
| 062 | The North West Highlands | SMC Guide | 1990 |
| 063 | The Eight Wilderness Discovery Books | John Muir | 1992 |
| 064 | The History of Glenmore Lodge | I D Thomson | |
| 065 | The Pinnacle Club-A History of Women Climbing | Shirley Angell | 1988 |
| 066 | Climbers Guide to Scotland | Tom Prentice | 1992 |
| 067 | Climbing Terms and Techniques | Ken Crocket | 1990 |
| 068 | One Man's Mountains | Tom Patey (1977) | 1997 |
| 069 | Scottish Hill Tracks | Scottish Rights of Way Society | 1995 |
| 101 | Scottish Mountain Footpaths | R Aitken | 1985 |
| 102 | Shelters in Remote Mountain Areas | I Butterfield | 1979 |
| 103 | MBA Members Handbook | MBA | |
| 104 | MBA Volunteer Handbook | MBA | |
| 105 | The Future of the Cairngorms (Report) | NE Mountain Trust | 1982 |
| 106 | The Mountain Areas of Scotland (Report) | Countryside Com. | 1990 |
| 107 | Loch Lomond (Final Plan) | | 1996 |
| 108 | Scotland's Wild Land –What Future? | Scot. Wild Land Group | 2002 |

The following books are still missing from the original list. If you know of their whereabouts, please let me know of their existence. Thanks to those who have already returned missing books.

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| 003 | Mountain Navigation | Peter Cliff | 1986 |
| 005 | Schoolhouse in the Clouds | E Hillary | |
| 008 | The Munros | SMC | 1985 |

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| 011 | Mountaineering First Aid | D Mitchell | 1983 |
| 020 | Western Highlands | SMC Guide | 1989 |
| 020B | Western Highlands | SMC Guide | 1964 |
| 020C | Western Highlands | SMC Guide | 1992 |
| 024 | West Highland Way (Official Guide) | R Aitken | |
| 034 | Mountaineering | Alan Blackshaw | |
| 041 | The Ascent of Rum Doodle | W E Bowman | |
| 044 | Cold Climbs | K Wilson | |
| 050 | Enjoying Scotland | Campbell Steven | |
| 054 | The Islands of Scotland (Including Skye) | SMC | 1989 |
| 057 | Mountaincraft and Leadership | Eric Langmuir | 1984 |
| 059 | The Corbetts | SMC Guide | 1992 |

As well as the above list of books, there are available the reports and newsletters of the MBA and Scotways (Scottish Rights of Way Society) for the last couple of years. If you want a book specially, please let me know and I can arrange to give it to you. Otherwise I will continue to bring along a few on Club nights.

Connie Thomson