



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello everyone and a belated Happy New Year from the committee and myself, and we certainly hope you all have a good walking year. With no weather cancellations so far this winter, let's hope the trend continues.

As this is the last Spindrift before the club AGM on 7th March, (See the notice on the back page) I would like to remind you that it's a great opportunity to put forward your views on everything we do, so please come along and make it a worthwhile evening.

Planning monthly walks, and minimising repetition from previous years is one of the hardest things the planning group has to do. We had some good suggestions from members at the 2012 and 2013 AGMs, and we will be asking for the same again this year.

We changed our coach company to Docherty's in December, mainly because Smiths did not have enough small coaches for our outings, but also to achieve better pricing stability. We have not increased the club subscription or monthly walk bus fare for some years, and we would like to delay any increase for as long as possible. In 2012 and 2013 we had 5 combined coach outings, and we are planning the same this year. This, along with continuing good walk bookings, is allowing us to keep club finances healthy.

Just a reminder about winter clothing and equipment, especially for the 'A' bus walks. We published a suggested list of equipment in November as usual, (the list is on the web site as well) and we would ask that members always come prepared. It's easy to leave an ice axe or crampons in the boot of the bus if they are not needed at the venue.

Finally, just a reminder that membership subscriptions are due on 1st March!

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2014

Date	Event
14 th & 15 th February	Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy
2 nd March	Monthly Walk
7th March	Club AGM
6 th April	Monthly Walk
4 th May	Monthly Walk
6th May	May Spindrift
9 th 10 th 11 th May	Weekend Meet - Torridon
19 th 20 th 21 st September	Weekend Meet - Braemar

Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£12**) and form at least 10 days in advance (***if there are not enough bookings we do not order a coach***)

and only book for one walk at a time to:-

Elsie Wilke, 18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR Tel. 01738 631811

Weekend Meets

Weekend meets bookings should be sent to:-

Fiona Stewart

7 Craigend Cottages

Craigend, Perth PH2 8PX

Tel. 01738 812899

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

The Committee is happy for members to propose hostels for our weekend meets, but a hostel that you have used and liked isn't necessarily suitable for the Club. The hostel should have a kitchen that is big enough for everyone to cook at pretty much the same time. The dining/common area also has to be big enough to accommodate over 20 people for the evening. Most people in the club would prefer single-sex dorms. What is the hostel's policy on this? **Please come to the AGM and suggest some hostels.**

Walk Programme March, April, May 2014

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
2 nd March Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51	620478	677396	Camusvrachan – X Bridge – Track – Balnahanaid – 626469 – Track S – 626453 – SE – NNW Ridge An Stuc – An Stuc (M) – NE – Meall Garbh (M) – E – Meall Greigh (M) – S – Sron Mhor – Path & Track by Lawers Burn – Machuin – Lawers Hotel	1210m/3970ft	15km/9.4ml
2 nd March Challenging	0700hrs	51	620478	677396	As Chall Plus – 626453 – SE – Fin Glen – E – NNW Ridge Meall Garbh – Meall Garbh (M) – As Chall Plus to Meall Greigh (M) & Finish	1120m/3675ft	14km/8.7ml
2 nd March Less Chall	0700hrs	51	620478	677396	As Chall – Meall Garbh (M) – NE, SE – Bealach @ 657440 – SE – Path by Lawers Burn – Finish as Chall Plus & Chall	950m/3120ft	13km/8.1ml
6 th April Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51	421263	452276	Lay bye – Benmore Farm – Track S – 417240 – SE, E – Bealach-eadar-dha Bheinn – S – Stob Binnein (M) – N – Ben More (M) – E, NE – Forest Edge @ 458255 – Path N – Track @ 458257 – NW, NE – Main Road	1360m/4460ft	14km/8.7ml
6 th April Challenging	0700hrs	51	421263	421263	As Chall Plus – Ben More (M) – Descend NW – Start	1320m/4330ft	11.5km/7.2ml
6 th April Less Chall	0700hrs	51	421263	421263	As Chall Walk But Leave Out Stob Binnein (M)	1045m/3430ft	9.5km/5.9ml
4 th May Chall Plus	0700hrs	43	110699	089892	Spittal – Gleann Taitneach – Loch nan Eun – 062782 – 061786 - W – Bealach @ 047784 – N – Beinn lutharn Mhor (M) – NE – 051799 – NNW – 920m Top – NE – Carn Bhac (M) – ESE, NE – Track @ 067842 - Inverey	1075m/3530ft	27km/16.8ml
4 th May Challenging	0700hrs	43	110699	089892	Spittal – Gleann Taitneach – As Chall Plus – Beinn lutharn Mhor (M) – NE, ENE – Path @ Allt Beinn lutharn – Track NE, NW, N – Inverey	905m/2970ft	27km/16.8ml
4 th May Less Chall	0700hrs	43	138831	089892	Baddoch – Track SW – 101790 – NW – Bealach @ 091800 – W – An Socach (M) – N, NNE – Bridge @ 083823 (Ruin) – Track NE, NW, N – Inverey	655m/2150ft	20km/12.5ml
<u>Note: Combined Coach May</u>							

Walk Programme March, April, May 2014
Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
2 nd March Moderate	0800hrs	36	901108	972098	Inverdruie – Path S – 904095 – Track SW, S – 896078 – Path W, SE (Loch an Eilein) – 892072 – SW, NE (Loch Gamhna) – 893071 – NE – 905077 – Track E – Cairngorm Club Footbridge – Path SE, NE – Track @ 949082 – NE – 956093 (Loch Morlich) – Track SE, NE – 969089 – Path N by Loch Morlich - Road	350m/1150ft	18km/11.2ml
2 nd March Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	36	901108	972098	As Moderate – 904095 – Track SW – 897086 – SE (Loch an Eilein) – 905077 – As Moderate to Finish	240m/785ft	13km/8.1ml
2 nd March Easy	0800hrs	36	972098	972098	Walks around Loch Morlich		
6 th April Moderate	<u>0700hrs</u>	35/42	554898	433830	Inverpattack Lodge – X Br @ 554896 – Track S – Gallovie – X Br @ 553868 – SW – X Br @ 545859 – S – 546852 – NW, W, SW – 505863 – SW – Lochan na h-Earba – 452808 – NW - Luiblea	330m/1085ft	23km/14.4ml
6 th April Moderate/Easy	<u>0700hrs</u>	35/42	539897	433830	Kinloch Laggan – X Br – Kinloch – Tracks SW Along Loch Laggan - Luiblea	335m/1000ft	15.5km/9.7ml
6 th April Easy							
4 th May Moderate 1	0700hrs	43	110702	138782	Spittal – Main Rd NNE – 114714 – Track N, NW, N – Carn Mor – NW, N, NE – Carn a Gheoidh (M) – Path ENE – Carn nan Sac – NE, N – 127786 – SE – Ski Centre	760m/2495ft	13km/8.1ml
4 th May Moderate 2	0700hrs	43	138832	150913	Layby – Main Rd N – 140834 - Path E, NE – Lochcallater Lodge – Track NW, N, NW – Auchallater – X Main Rd –	800m/2625ft	18km/11.2ml
4 th May Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	43	140843	150913	As Moderate 2 Walk to Bridge @ 153882 – Minor Road N – Balintuim - Braemar	345m/1130ft	14km/8.7ml
<u>Note: Combined Coach May</u>							

February 2014 Weekend Meet at the **Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy**, on the **14th & 15th** February – the club's booking has now been completed, but if you still wish to come and have not booked, please contact the hostel and book independently.

May 2014 Weekend Meet

This will be held at the **Torrison YH** for the **9th, 10th & 11th** May. The cost will be **£18.50** per night and Fiona must receive bookings by **22nd March** at the latest.

Membership Renewal (due 1st March)

A Membership Renewal Form is enclosed with this edition of Spindrift, and this can also be downloaded from the website for members who download Spindrift. Please send completed forms, together with a cheque for £20, to Ken Ward. (63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU) Everyone will be sent a printed copy of the May Spindrift and their membership card.

AGM

The Club AGM will take place on Friday 7th March at 19.30, at the Craigie Hill Golf Club. Besides the business of the AGM, the good bar and comfortable surroundings make it a pleasant evening out. Please make an effort to attend and give the committee your feedback on the past year's activities and any suggestions for walks or weekend meets for 2014/15.

It's obviously important that we have a good turnout for this important event in the club's calendar so that we can plan to incorporate what members want into the year's programme.

We would like some more representation on the committee, so if you feel you can give something back to the club by being on the committee, please send a letter to the Club Secretary, (Eric Pryde, 5F Croft Park, Perth, PH2 0DX eric.pryde@bcs.org.uk) with your nomination, and names of your proposer and seconder. Nominations need to arrive at least one week before the AGM.

Slides and Buffet Night.

Another successful Slides and Buffet night was enjoyed by 56 members on 15th November at Craigiehill GC, thanks to many members showing a good range of pictures.

Take your camera with you on the hill and see what you can capture for the next one!

Craigdon Mountain Sports

To obtain their **15%** discount you need to apply for a Craigdon Loyalty Card on line stating that you are a member of Perth and District Hillwalking Club. Production of just the club's membership card will entitle you to 10% discount.

Winter Skills Courses 2013/2014

Ancrum Centre, Dundee, is running a Winter Hill Walking Skills course on Friday 21st February at £45, and Navigation courses on Saturday 8th February and Sunday 16th March. Phone 01382 435911 or see www.ancrum.com/

Other courses which may be of interest are also available at Glenmore Lodge or through the MCoFS, so check their sites for current information.

<http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk>

<http://www.mcofs.org.uk>

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If you have any articles that you would like to submit, please send them to:-

Kirsten Paterson, 33 Glengarry Road, Perth PH2 0AQ Tel. 01738 638282

kirsten.p@blueyonder.co.uk

RSGS Talks (Royal Scottish Geographical Society) www.rsgs.org/events

A range of talks is planned at 7.30pm on the following Tuesdays:- 11th February, 11th March at North Inch Community Centre (Cost:- £8 for all talks)

Where would you like a bridge?

Scotways are intending to build a bridge as a memorial to Donald Bennet, who served the SMC and the MCoF S in many roles and was Director of the Scottish Rights of Way Society (now Scotways) from 1989 to 1993. He also edited the SMC's Munros book. If you can suggest a good location for a new bridge please contact Scotways, 24 Annandale Street, Edinburgh EH7 4HN or e-mail info@scotways.com.