



# SPINDRIFT

## PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 132 August 2010

### Chairman's Message

#### Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

The last two club walks have seen some very unseasonable summer weather, but living and walking in Scotland, we should know not to set our sights too high ! I've made the assumption that everyone is well equipped for rainy days and a bit of bad weather won't ruin your enthusiasm ?

Our experimental, combined 'A' & 'B' bus walks in July, to reduce costs, were undertaken in foul weather. The Challenging walks were changed on the day by missing out the higher areas, and so reduced the worst effects of the strong winds, rain and swollen rivers. It was certainly a disappointing day ! Due to the high cost of the buses we require 20 bookings on each bus to stay within our budget, and when bookings fall short of that number, it may well mean the cancellation of a bus.

On a brighter note it is certainly good to see our regular members supporting the club with their walk bookings, and hopefully the numbers booking will increase again now that the summer holidays are coming to an end.

Ian

#### Midsummer Outing to Arran Report

29 Club members had an excellent day on Arran, with sunny intervals and a breeze which kept the midges at bay. It was very dry underfoot, and views were relatively clear. Members completed walks including at least 2 routes up Goatfell, the Corbetts of Caisteal Abhail and Cir Mhor from Sannox, and a circuit and ascent of Holy Island. Everyone made it back to the ferry on time, with some finding time for fish and chips before boarding. A very long day, but certainly a very worthwhile outing, in fine weather.

### Calendar 2010 – 2011

Date	Event
5th September <b>2010</b>	Monthly Walk
10th, 11th, 12th Sept.	Weekend Meet Glencoe
3rd October	Monthly Walk
7th November	Monthly Walk
12th November	Buffet & Slides Night
5th December	Monthly Walk
9th January <b>2011</b>	Monthly Walk
6th February	Monthly Walk
18th, 19th February	Weekend Meet Kinlochleven
6th March	Monthly Walk
11th March	Club AGM
3rd April	Monthly Walk
1st May	Monthly Walk
6th, 7th, 8th May	Weekend Meet Ullapool

#### Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£12**) and form at least 10 days in advance and only book for 1 walk at a time to:

**Elsie Wilke**

**18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR**

**Tel. 01738 631811**

#### Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to:-

**Ian Swan**

**35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU**

**Tel. 01738 634441**

**ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH  
AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB**

Walk Programme September, October, November 2010

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Challenging Plus	0700hrs	51	620478	620478	Camusvrachan – Balnahanaid – Track S – SE – An Stuc (M) – Ben Lawers (M) – Path SW – Bealach – Meall Corranaich (M) – Meall a Choire Leith (M) – N, NE - Start	1700m/5578ft	17.5km/10.9ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Challenging	0700hrs	51	620478	620478	As Chall Plus – Ben Lawers (M) – Path SW – Bealach – N By Allt a Chobhair - Start	1330m/4364ft	17km/10.6ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Less Challenging	0700hrs	51	620478	620478	Camusvrachan – Balmenoch – Path S – W – Creag nan Eildeag – SW – Meall nam Maigheach (C) – SE – Meall nan Eun – NE – Allt Gleann Da-Eig – Track N, NE, N - Start	750m/2461ft	16km/10ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Challenging Plus	0700hrs	56	269037	227070	Forestry Info Centre – Road S – 266016 – Track SW – 257009 – Track NW – 242019 – Path W – 229018 – SSE – Cnoc Coinnich (G) – NNW, NE – The Brack (C) – N, NW – Bealach – NW, W – Ben Donich (C) – NE, N, NNE – Stile – Cycle Track – L & R – B828	1615m/5300ft	18km/11.2ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Challenging	0700hrs	56	269037	227070	As Chall Plus, but omit Cnoc Coinnich (G)	1300m/4265ft	15km/9.4ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Less Challenging	0700hrs	56	269037	227070	Forestry Info Centre – Track WNW, W, NW – 241047 – Path S – Bealach (241041) – WNW, W – Ben Donich (C) – Finish as Chall Plus & Chall	880m/2887ft	10km/6.2ml
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Challenging Plus	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Jocks Road – 874m Top – Tom Buidhe (M) – Meikle Kilrannoch – Mayar (M) – Over Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – Hill of Strone – Cairn Links – Clova Hotel	1235m/4052ft	24km/15ml
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Challenging	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Corrie Fee – S – Mayar (M) - As Chall. Plus – Finish	1022m/3352ft	19km/11.9ml
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Less Challenging	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – As Chall. Plus to Finish	845m/2772ft	13km/8.1ml

**NB. Bus Fare is now £12.00 for all members**

## Walk Programme September, October, November 2010

### Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Moderate	0700hrs	73	238205	329365	Car Park at St Mary's Loch – Track N, NE – Dryhope – Blackhouse – Blake Muir – Kirkhouse – Traquair - Innerleithen	565m/1830ft	21km/13.2ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	73	271244	329365	Dryhope – Blackhouse – Blake Muir – Kirkhouse – Traquair - Innerleithen	470m/1527ft	15.5km/9.6ml
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Easy	0700hrs	73	329365	329365	Walks from Innerleithen		
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Moderate	0700hrs	52	926386	900366	Deanshaugh – Path N, NW – Forest – Track NNW – 915415 – Track N, NW – 890453 – Tracks W & S – Meall Dubh – Allt na Moine- SW – Turrerich – SE – Wester Kinloch - Amulree	655m/2149ft	22.5km/14.1ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	52	888314	900366	Newton Bridge – W – Auchnafree – NW – Glen Lochan – 863368 – E - Amulree	400m/1312ft	17.5km/11ml
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Easy	0700hrs	52	900366	900366	Walks from Amulree		
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Moderate	<b>0800hrs</b>	58	893086	918969	Blackford – S – Blackhills – Skythorn Hill – S – Mill Glen - Tillicoultry	740m/2398ft	17km/10.5ml
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Moderate/Easy	<b>0800hrs</b>	58	948052	918969	Glenhead Farm – SW – Frandy Farm – Lower Glendevon Reservoir – S – Blackhills – Skythorn Hill – S – Mill Glen - Tillicoultry	520m/1690ft	14km/8.7ml
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Easy	<b>0800hrs</b>	58	918969	918969	Walks from Tillicoultry		

**NB. Bus Fare is now £12.00 for all members  
Later start time from November !**

### **September Weekend – Glencoe**

As bookings are now closed for the Glencoe meet on the **10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** September, this is just a reminder for any members who still wish to attend, that they need to book directly with SYHA.

### **Membership Reminder**

Membership payment is now **long overdue**. If you have not already paid **£20**, please do so now, to Ken Ward.

(63 Cavendish Avenue, Perth PH2 0JU)

### **Torricon Weekend Meet Report**

24 Members turned out for this weekend meet at the recently redecorated hostel in Torricon, and had the good fortune to arrive in glorious spring weather, which continued through Saturday and Sunday. A wide range of Corbetts and Munros were climbed in ideal conditions. Snow fell on the higher tops on Sunday night, and the few members who turned out on Monday were met with much cooler and cloudier conditions. It was certainly a great weekend in a great location for all those attending, and my thanks to all committee members who helped with organising it.

### **Members Slides and Buffet Evening**

This will be held on Friday **12<sup>th</sup> November**, at the **Craigie Hill Golf Club Clubhouse, at 07.30 pm**. Members and guests are all welcome to attend, and the cost of a ticket is **£10**. Please send a cheque and an SAE to Ian Swan. The theme will be “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”, with a maximum of 50 photos and/or 20 minutes from each participant. Please let George Smart know if you intend to show photos, and please send him a disc or flash drive, by **5<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Tony Chisholm’s Last Munro**

Just a reminder that Tony will be climbing his last Munro, **Ben Fhada, Ratagan, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August**.

### **Navigation Courses**

1 Day courses are being run again this summer by the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) and the Ancrum Centre, and may be of interest to newer members of the club.

**MCofS** (01738 493942 & website)

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Sept (£25) GlenFeshie  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (£25) Braemar

**Ancrum Ctr.** (01382 435911 & website)  
Basic - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Aug & Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (£32)  
Advanced – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug (£32)

### **Winter Skills Courses**

Like last year, some information on available courses will be in the November Spindrift.

### **Monthly Walk Group Leaders**

Our group leaders do a great job, in helping to make the monthly walks enjoyable and safe for group members. However we sometimes have a shortage of leaders, and we would like to hear from members who may be prepared to assist with this.

### **Spindrift**

This is your newsletter so please use it !

If you have any articles that you would like to submit to be included in it, or have any comments about the presentation, please send them to:-

**George Smart**

**31 Kinclaven Gardens, Murthly  
Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425  
[george.smart3@btopenworld.com](mailto:george.smart3@btopenworld.com)**

Please note that the current Spindrift is always posted on the club website, along with information on the current programme of events.

### **Website**

[www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk](http://www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk)

Anyone who has photos that they would like to show on the website please send on a disc to Ken Ward.

### **Monthly Walks Coach Pickup Point**

Just a reminder for any new members and guests of the club, that the pickup point is always the **South Inch Car Park** in Perth.

### **Left on the June `A` Bus – Cairngorms**

A blue Gore-tex jacket and 2 pairs of gloves were left behind. To reclaim, please contact Ian Swan on 01738 624441.