



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Hello folks, it's traditional for me to review the spring and summer weather at this time of year! Whilst it's been a great summer, we've not always been lucky on our monthly outings. We had lovely weather for June and July, but horrible in May, and plenty of rain and midges for August. Arran was reasonable in June, but some of us were almost blown off the high hills! The `B` group had a good day in September, but the `A` group had wind and rain. With reasonable weather for October, the summary for the period would be; could have been better!

In August I mentioned that our monthly turnouts have been really good, and this has continued, giving an average of 48 for the year to date from March. The only low month was August, at 34 for our train outing, and surprising considering the amount of interest shown previously?

Club membership remains stable at around 112.

As winter approaches, as usual we've listed some clothing and equipment suggestions on the back page, which are particularly relevant for the Challenging walks. This will be the first winter with us for some of our new members, and we've listed details of the Winter Skills courses held at Glenmore Lodge, and the Ancrum Centre, which could be useful for those doing the Challenging walks.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Slides and Buffet evening on Friday 15th November.

With Xmas approaching fast, I'd like to pass on the usual compliments of the season, from the committee and myself.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2013 – 2014

Date	Event
15 th November	Slides and Buffet evening
1 st December	Monthly Walk
12 th January 2014	Monthly Walk
2 nd February	Monthly Walk
4th February	February Spindrift
14th/15th 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
9th 10th 11th 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

Discount night at Mountain Supplies, South Street. Wednesday 20th November from 6 pm. 25% off nearly everything for Club members!

Walk Programme Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging December 2013, January, February 2014

Date / Grade of Walk	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 st Dec Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	351220	370240	Derrydaroch – Track Over Br – SE – Stob Glas – SE, E, NE – An Caisteal (M) – S, SE – Bealach – Beinn a Chroin (M) – 940m Top – N, NW – Coire Earb – Track to Main Road & Lay-by	1110m/3642ft	13km/8.1ml
1 st Dec Challenging	0700hrs	50	351220	370240	As Chall. Plus	1110m/3642ft	13km/8.1ml
1 st Dec Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	351220	370240	As Chall. Plus to An Caisteal (M) – N – Twistin Hill – Sron Gharbh – Track to Main Road & Lay-by	925m/3035ft	9.5km/5.9ml
12 th Jan 2014 Chall Plus	0700hrs	57	586091	534208	As Challenging	1070m/3510ft	18km/11.2ml
12 th Jan 2014 Challenging	0700hrs	57	586091	534208	Coireachrombie Car Park – Path W, SW – SE Ridge Ben Ledi – Ben Ledi (C) – NW, N, NW - Stuc Dhubh – NW, SW, N - Ben Vane (C) – NNW – 524158 – NNE – Bridge @ 529174 – Minor Road NNE, N - Balquhidder	1070m/3510ft	18km/11.2ml
12 th Jan 2014 Less Chall	0700hrs	57	535066	534208	Brig O`Turk – Minor Road NW, N – Glen Finglas – 530090 – Track NE, N – Stuc Dubh – Ben Vane (C) & Balquhidder as Chall Walk	920m/3020ftft	18km/11.2ml
2 nd Feb 2014 Chall Plus	0700hrs	44	445804	445804	Auchronie Car Park – Kirkton – N Side Loch Lee – Glenlee – Bruntwood Craig – Hunthill (G) – Bridge @379784 – Cairn Lick – Wester Skuiley – Burnt hill – Cairn Caidloch – Gleneffock - Start	910m/2985ft	23.5km/14.7ml
2 nd Feb 2014 Challenging	0700hrs	44	445804	445804	Auchronie Car Park – Track NW – Queen’s Well – NW, N – Mount Keen(M) – E, NE – Braid Cairn – E – Hill of Gairney – S – Track – S - Start	940m/3085ft	21km/13ml
2 nd Feb 2014 Less Chall	0700hrs	44	445804	445804	As Chall Plus – Bridge @379784 & Cairn Lick – Inchgrundle – Glenlee – Track - Start	740m/2430ft	19km/12ml

Walk Programme December 2013, January & February 2014

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
1 st December Moderate	0800hrs	57	535066	534208	Brig O`Turk – Minor Rd NW, N - Glen Finglas – X Br @ 531092 – Track NW – 523103 – Track NE, N, NNW – 518140 – Path N, NNW, ENE – X Br @ 529174 – Ballimore – Minor Rd NNE, N - Balquhidder	560m/1835ft	17.5km/10.9ml
1 st December Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	57	586091	534208	Coireachrombie Car Park – Rob Roy Way (W Side Loch Lubnaig) N, NW, N – Strathyre – Minor Rd N, W - Balquhidder	340m/1115ft	15km/9.4ml
1 st December Easy	0800hrs	57	534208	534208	Walks around Balquhidder		
12 th Jan 2014 Moderate	0800hrs	59	387010	550026	Leven Links – Fife Coastal Path – Lundin Links – Earlsferry – Elie – St Monans - Pittenweem	220m/720ft	22km/13.7
12 th Jan 2014 Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	59	465005	550026	Kincraig – As Moderate Walk to Pittenweem	170m/560ft	14km/8.7ml
12 th Jan 2014 Easy	0800hrs	59	550026	550026	Walks around Pittenweem		
2 nd Feb 2014 Moderate	0800hrs	66/67	520740	677791	Path ENE on N Side River Tyne – Abbey Mill – Sandy’s Mill – Hailes Castle – East Linton – 590775 – John Muir Trail – Preston Kirk – Preston Mill – A198 Underpass – Tyne Estuary Br @ 657784 (West Barnes) – Cliff Top Path N, E – Dunbar – Leisure Centre	175m/575ft	21km/13.1ml
2 nd Feb 2014 Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	66/67	590770	677791	East Linton – Join John Muir Trail – As Moderate Walk to Finish	95m/310ft	13km/8.1ml
2 nd Feb 2014 Easy	0800hrs	66/67	677791	677791	Walks Around Dunbar		

September Weekend – Glenbrittle, Skye

This upgraded hostel provided excellent accommodation, but what a pity our turnout was only 8, after 2 further late cancellations. A range of Munros were climbed by our groups from Friday to Monday, and after the Friday night storm cleared away on Saturday morning, the weather was lovely for the rest of the weekend.

Last Munro - Congratulations to Alex Winter on completing the Munros on Sgur na Sgine, in Glen Shiel in August.

February 2014 Weekend Meet

This will be held at the **Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy**, on the **14th & 15th** February. The cost will be **£16.50** per night and bookings need to be received by Fiona Stewart by **23rd January** at the latest.

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 **28th March** at the latest.

2014 Club AGM on Friday 7th March

Please make an effort to attend and express your wishes for future club activities. This is where the next year's agenda is largely set, so be there and tell us what you want. Full details will be in the February Spindrift.

Slides and Buffet Night

There is still time to book for this event at Craigie Hill Golf Club on **15th November** from 19.00. Tickets £12 from Elsie Wilke.

Tiso's Discount Card

Tiso are now offering all members an Outdoor Experience card **free**. This will give you 10% off nearly everything and that includes sale items and special offers. Full terms and conditions can be found at

www.tiso.com/outdoorexperiencecard-terms/ .

You need to go into the store (with evidence of PHWC membership) and sign up for the card.

Craigdon Mountain Sports

Please note that they now give **15%** discount to club members

Winter Skills Courses 2013/2014

Glenmore Lodge are running a number of Winter Skills courses, for more details see <http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk> or phone 01479 861256 . A two day course costs £245 and 5 days £575.

MCofS are running a weekend winter skills courses 20 – 22 December at £150, and one day courses at £50 on 4th 5th 7th 8th January. For details see www.mcofs.org.uk or phone 01738 493943

Ancrum Centre, Dundee, is running Winter Hill Walking courses on Sat 18th January and 1st February at £25. See www.ancrum.com/ or phone 01382 435911.

MCof S Winter Lecture in Perth

This will be given by **Heather Morning** (Mountain Safety Advisor) at **19.30 on Tuesday 10th December at Tiso's**.

For Club Outings in WINTER MONTHS we recommend that you are equipped with:-

1. Map, Compass, Head Torch & Whistle.
2. Boots, warm & waterproof. Stiff enough for Crampons on Challenging walks.
3. Hat, Gaiters, Gloves & Overgloves.
4. Plastic Survival Bag & First Aid Kit.
5. Ice Axe & Crampons, if required for the grade of walk and conditions.
6. Suitable Windproof and Waterproof outer and mid layers of clothing.

Spindrift

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

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

A range of talks are planned at 7.30pm on the following Tuesdays:- 10th December at Perth Concert Hall, 12th November, 14th January, 11th February, 11th March at North Inch Community Centre (Cost:- £8 for all talks)