



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 some very poor weather in the west, we changed the December `A` walks, as well as the January `A` and `B` walks. Let's hope these are the only changes required this winter.

As this is the last Spindrift before the club AGM on **6th 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 the club does. Please come along and make it a worthwhile evening.

Planning monthly walks, and minimising repetition from previous years is still one of the hardest things we have to do. We had some good suggestions from members at the last 3 AGMs and we are asking for the same again this year. It's been a tough year for club finances, as outlined in the August and November Spindriffs, the main expense being coach hire. Whilst we have more stable pricing now, we have seen an increase of at least 25% over the last few years. We raised the coach fare to **£13** last September, (the first increase since 2010) and we have decided we need to impose a further increase to **£14 (Effective for the March walk)**. Last year we ran 5 combined coach outings, and we are planning the same this year, although as we monitor our finances every month, we may need to review this. Just a reminder about winter clothing and equipment, especially for the `A` coach walks. We published a suggested list of equipment in November as usual, and we would ask that members always come prepared. `A` coach walkers should always bring ice axes and crampons; it's easy to leave them on the coach if they are not needed at the venue.

Best Wishes, George

Calendar 2015

| Date | Event |
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| 3rd February | February Spindrift |
| 13 th , 14 th February | Weekend Meet - Loch Lochy |
| 1 st March | Monthly Walk |
| 6th March | Club AGM |
| 5 th April | Monthly Walk |
| 3 rd May | Monthly Walk |
| 5th May | May Spindrift |
| 15 th 16 th 17 th May | Weekend Meet – Bearnock Country Centre, near Cannich |
| 18 th - 20 th September | Weekend Meet – Ratagan YH |

Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (**£14**) 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

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Website and Facebook page

We hope that as many of you as possible have had a look at the new web site. If you have any comments or suggestions about it please send them to Margaret Band.

(mags@pitcairnalpines.co.uk)

Emergency Contacts

There is always a risk of people becoming ill or having accidents while on our walks. We will ask all our members to provide an emergency contact name and number when they renew their membership in March. We ask that members also carry current emergency contact information with them when they are on our walks and weekend meets.

Walk Programme Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging March, April, May 2015

| 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 March Chall Plus | 0700hrs | 44 | 283761 | 283761 | W (Glen Doll) – NW, N (Jocks Rd) – 217805 – N – Faernie – E – Cairn Bannoch(M) – SE, E – Broad Cairn(M) – ESE – Stables@256808 – S – Br@Bachnagairn – Track E, S by River South Esk - Start | 950m/3115ft | 24km/15ml |
| 1 st March Challenging | 0700hrs | 44 | 283761 | 283761 | As Chall Plus – 219802 – WSW – Tolmount(M) – SSW – 206791 – SSE, E – Tom Buidhe(M) – SE – 220779 – E – Jocks Rd – Retrace - Start | 910m/2985ft | 20km/12.5ml |
| 1 st March Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 44 | 283761 | 283761 | Car Park – X Br – Track N, W by River South Esk – X Br@Bachnagairn – N – Stables@256808 – NNW, WNW – Broad Cairn(M) – Retrace - Start | 790m/2590ft | 19km/11.9ml |
| 5 th April Chall Plus | 0700hrs | 41 | 349790 | 350782 | Nr Fersit – SW, SSW – Stob a Choire Mheadhoin(M) – SW – Stob Coire Easain(M) – Bealach@312732 – NW, N, NE – Allt Laire – Old Tramway – Start & Fersit | 1150m/3775ft | 17km/10.6ml |
| 5 th April Challenging | 0700hrs | 41 | 350782 | 350782 | Fersit – Road E for 0.5km – S – Sron na Garbh-bheinne – Stob Coire Sgriodain(M) – S, SE – Bealach@367734 – E, NE – Chno Dearg(M) – NNE – Meall Chaorach – NNW – Creag Dhubh - NW, W - Start | 1010m/3315ft | 15km/9.4ml |
| 5 th April Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 41 | 350782 | 350782 | As Chall. to Stob Coire Sgriodain(M) & Bealach@367734 – N – Lochain Coire an Lochain – N, NW - Start | 805m/2640ft | 13km/8.1ml |
| 3 rd May Chall Plus | | | | | As Challenging Walk | | |
| 3 rd May Challenging | 0700hrs | 51, 57 | 583137 | 593238 | Ardchullarie More – NNW – Glen Ample – 591154 – ENE – Beinn Each(C) – N – Bealach nan Caber – NNE – 735m – NNE, E, NE – Stuc a`Chroin(M) – N, NE – Ben Vorlich(M) – NW – 618196 – SW, NW – Glenample – N – 601224 Falls of Edinample – Minor Rd W – Main Rd – N, E - Lochearnhead | 1370m/4495ft | 18.5km/11.6ml |
| 3 rd May Less Challenging | 0700hrs | 51, 57 | 583137 | 593238 | As Challenging Walk – Stuc a`Chroin(M) – N – 618179 – NW – Path@604196 – NW – Glenample – As Challenging - Lochearnhead NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING MAY | 1155m/3790ft | 16km/10ml |

NOTE:- COACH FARE IS £14 FROM MARCH

Walk Programme Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy March, April, May 2015

| 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 March Moderate | 0800hrs | 67/73 | 693572 | 530475 | Longformacus – Minor Rd, Track SW, NW - Watch Water Resr – South. Up. Way SW - Twin Law – Braidshawrig – S, SW - Wanton Wells - Lauder | 570m/1870ft | 24km/15ml |
| 1 st March Moderate/Easy | 0800hrs | 73/74 | 611475 | 530475 | A697 – Track NNW – X B6456 – N, NW – Spottiswoode – 602496 – N, W – Minor Rd@598497 – W – Blythe – Track NW, N – Scoured Rig – S.U. Way@582518 – Lauder as Moderate Walk | 340m/1115ft | 15km/9.4ml |
| 1 st March Easy | 0800hrs | 73 | 530475 | 530475 | Walks around Lauder | | |
| 5 th April Moderate | 0700hrs | 43 | 845659 | 876655 | Woodend on B8079 – NW, NE – X Br@858673 – NNW – Bothy@835736 – NE – 848749 – SE (Allt Slanaidh) – 877685 – Path S – 879682 - Track S – Old Br of Tilt - Blair Atholl | 645m/2115ft | 23km/14.4ml |
| 5 th April Moderate/Easy | 0700hrs | 43 | 845659 | 876655 | Woodend on B8079 – As Moderate Walk – 851692 – SE, NE – Blairuachdar Wood – Gilberts Br@881701 – Track S – Old Br of Tilt – Blair Atholl | 400m/1310ft | 15.5km/9.7ml |
| 5 th April Easy | 0700hrs | 43 | 876655 | 876655 | Walks Around Blair Atholl | | |
| 3 rd May Moderate | 0700hrs | 57 | 564204 | 626080 | Kings House Hotel – Rob Roy Way South – X Main Road@Strathyre – Coireachrombie – Falls of Leny – E - Callander | 456m/1495ft | 20km/12.5ml |
| 3 rd May Moderate/Easy | 0700hrs | 57 | 560171 | 626080 | Strathyre – Rob Roy Way South as Moderate Walk - Callander | 290m/950ft | 15km/9.4ml |
| | | | | | NOTE:- COMBINED COACH OUTING MAY | | |

NOTE:- 0700hrs START FROM APRIL

NOTE:- COACH FARE IS £14 FROM MARCH

Club Weekend Meets

Where would you like to go for a club weekend meet? We would like you to send in ideas for the 2016 weekends by 21st February please, and the Committee will announce the selected venues at the AGM. However, a hostel you have used and liked isn't necessarily suitable for the club. The hostel should have a kitchen that's 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 members prefer single-sex dorms. What is the hostel's policy on this?

February 2015 Weekend Meet

at the Great Glen Hostel, Loch Lochy, on the 13th & 14th February – the club's booking is now completed, but if you still wish to come and have not booked, please contact the hostel and book independently.

May Weekend Meet – Somewhere New!

From 15th to 17th May we are at the Bearnock Country Centre near Cannich and the cost will be £20 per bed night. There's loads to do in the area, including Glen Affric, Glen Strathfarrar, Loch Mullardoch, also, plenty of low level walk options. Please send your bookings to Margaret Band, 1, Inchyra Village, Glencarse PH2 7LT by 8th April at latest.

Slides and Buffet Night.

54 members enjoyed another successful Slides and Buffet night on 15th November at Craigiehill GC, thanks to many members showing a good range of pictures. Why not take some photos to show at the next one?

Winter Courses 2015

Tiso Perth offer a course on 20th (from 7pm) and 21st Feb. on winter navigation at £65. You may hire any equipment you need at an additional cost. Search "courses" on <http://www.tiso.com/>

Glenmore Lodge are running a number of 2 day Winter Skills courses at £245, or £195 without accommodation. Details on <http://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk>

The Ancrum Centre Dundee has a Winter Skills Day on 28th February and a

Winter Mountain Day on 1st March each costing £50. Details at www.ancrum.com/

2015 Club AGM on Friday 6th March

Please note the change of date necessitated by Craigiehill Golf Club having another function on 13th. 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 2015/16. There will certainly be committee vacancies this year, 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. It will also need to be signed by your proposer and seconder. Nominations need to arrive at least one week before the AGM.

Membership Renewal (due 1st March)

A Membership Application 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 Eric Pryde (5F Croft Park, Perth PH2 0DX). Everyone will be sent a printed copy of the May Spindrift and their membership card.

Member's Emergency Contact Details

There have been a couple of recent incidents where we have had to involve the emergency services, and we appreciate that the phone numbers on our membership list may not be appropriate, especially when members live alone. The revised Membership Application Form requests additional contact details, and we would be grateful if you could provide them when renewing your membership.

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

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