

## Perth and District Hillwalking Club Monthly Bulletin October 2015

**November 2015 Monthly Walks Reminder – `A` and `B` Coaches** These will be held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, with the `A` coach going to the Tyndrum Corbetts. The `B` coach will be going to Comrie and St Fillans, and please remember it starts later at **0800hrs!** The walks are planned to be as in the August Spindrift. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** please.

### **Information on Deer Stalking**

As we're in the season again, the website lists information (where available) by area and hills. Please do a Google search on: "Heading for the Scottish Hills".

### **Slides and Buffet Evening on 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Craigie Hill Golf Club at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

**Tickets (£12) are available on the coach today, and guests are always welcome.** As an alternative, please send a cheque for £12, along with an SAE to Elsie Wilke.

### **The National Trust for Scotland – Footpath Fund**

We have been contacted by them, and further details are on the clipboard. To find out more about the work the NTS do, please see their website.

([www.footpathfund.org.uk](http://www.footpathfund.org.uk))

### **Tony Jackson's Last Munro**

Tony's doing his last Munro on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, climbing Beinn na Lap at Corroul. He intends getting the early morning train from Roybridge at 08.00hrs, or Tulloch at 08.13hrs, to Corroul. He intends returning to Tulloch or Roybridge by an afternoon train, and club members would be very welcome to join him. (07734886472)

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### **Weekend Meet at Ratagan (Shiel Bridge) from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September**

This was our first visit to Ratagan SYHA Hostel since September 2009, and was our first weekend to be organised under our new rules, with members booking directly with the SYHA or the hostel. Our total turnout of 15 (10 men and 5 women) was disappointing, considering the wide range of hill and low level walk options available in the Glen Shiel area.

However, those attending certainly made the most of the weekend. The weather forecast was very good for Friday and Saturday, with sunshine. Cloudier conditions were forecast for Sunday and Monday, with the possibility of some showers. In fact, Saturday and Sunday were fairly cloudy and misty on most hills.

A wide range of hills and lower level walks kept us busy, including the following:

**Munros:** South Glen Shiel Ridge, Five Sisters of Kintail, Three Brothers, A`Chralaig/Mullach Fraoch-choire, Sgurr a`Mhaoraich, Beinn Fhada/A`Ghlas-bheinn, The Saddle/Sgurr na Sgine.

**Corbetts:** Beinn Loinne, Aonach Bhuidhe/Fochaig, Sgurr Mhic Bharraich, Sgurr an Airgid, Ben Dronaig.

**Low level:** Falls of Glomach, Sandaig Bay, Morvich/Glen Affric, Glenelg.

The hostel was very busy during the weekend, and cooking and eating space was sometimes a bit limited, but the hostel is perfectly located for access to so many walks. As always, our members were flexible enough to make the most of the facilities, and have a great walking weekend, with our usual sociable evenings.

George Smart

26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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### **Combined Coach Report for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Ballachulish**

Our original bookings of 34 included 3 guests, and after 2 cancellations we had 32 on the coach.

On a lovely clear and sunny morning we left Perth on time and travelled via Tyndrum. The forecast for sunshine and cloud with light winds was spot on, and it was a lovely day to be out in.

We had an additional walk from Glencoe (Signal Rock) over 2 Grahams, to Ballachulish, and 3 members did this.

We dropped off the Less Challenging group at South Ballachulish, followed by the Challenging Plus and Challenging groups at Lagnaha Farm. The original Moderate walk was replaced by an Extended Moderate/Easy walk around the Ardsheal peninsula, via Cuil Bay. These walkers were dropped off on the minor road to the caravan site near Duror, and were collected at the same place in the afternoon.

All groups except the Less Challenging completed their walks in very good time, and the Challenging Plus group was 1hour 15mins faster than the last time in 2012! The Less Challenging group had a major problem, as 2 guests were not experienced enough for the steep ascent and descent of Sgorr Dhearg. This resulted in very slow progress, with the walk taking just over 1hour longer than in 2012. Refreshments were taken at The Laroach, the Information Centre, and the hotel.

We had a very good day out in lovely weather, although we would expect more bookings than 34 at this time of year. Although we left the area just after our deadline time, and we arrived in Perth just before our deadline of 20.30, the late arrival of 1 group suggests we need a review of how we place guests in an appropriate group.

George Smart          6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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