



SCOTTISH ARCTIC CLUB

Post 2009 AGM Newsletter - January 2010

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Papers attached relating to the 2009 AGM:

- Minutes of the AGM held at The Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer, 7 November 2009
- Membership Information List –Nov 2009

Last year's list has been updated to include all new members and remove lapsed and retired members. As agreed at the AGM, and when time allows, email addresses will be added to the list. It is hoped that this will help networking amongst members.

Membership data may NOT be used for commercial purposes

Money raised at the 2009 AGM:

Members should note that the raffle raised £394 and the "Guess the Malt Whiskey" made a further £50, adding a total of £444 to the expedition fund during the supper weekend.

A further £307 has been gifted by members to the expedition fund.

40th Annual Supper 12 to 14 November 2010 Landmark Hotel, Dundee, DD2 5JT Hotel Telephone No. 01382 641122

2010 will be the 40th Annual Supper for the Scottish Arctic Club. It was agreed at the AGM that the 2010 supper should return to Dundee, City of Discovery, and more importantly, the City where the first SAC supper was held forty years ago

Surprisingly, suitable venues for a supper of our size and within the usual price bracket were hard to find. However, following much research followed by a visit to Dundee, the Landmark Hotel (www.thelandmarkdundee.co.uk) has been booked

The supper will be held on Saturday 13 November, and a block booking of rooms has been made for SAC members at £45 / person sharing and £50 single (B&B). You make your own bookings for B&B with the hotel Tel. 01382 641122.

The annual supper plus conference facilities should be in the order of £27 per person.

Around 50 members took the opportunity to arrive at the hotel on the Friday evening in 2009. This informal get-together gives more time to talk to everyone and is becoming increasingly popular. As with previous years, the hotel can provide a meal (£20 per person) on Friday evening for members wishing to eat together.

Should members wish to locate alternative accommodation over the supper weekend, they may try the Visit Scotland Website at www.visitscotland.com/shop/accommodation/book-dundee/

SAC Secretary will circulate details for supper bookings in the autumn.

Meantime **BOOK DATES** in your diaries and **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM.**

New Royal Geographical Society Web Site

Raymond Molony of the Royal Geographical Society has written to inform SAC members that "the R.G.S. has just launched a new web site of Arctic educational resources aimed at secondary school pupils. However it will also be of interest to your [SAC] members who wish to travel to the Arctic". The site can be found at www.discoveringtheartctic.org.uk

**2010 SPRING MEET - Inchnadamph
Friday 2 - Monday 5 April 2010**

After the success of the 2009 spring weekend meeting at Inchnadamph Lodge we are delighted that we are delighted that we shall be able to return there this spring from 2nd - 5th April.

Inchnadamph Lodge is situated in the heart of Assynt, half an hour drive north of Ullapool and 20 minutes from Lochinver. Accessible by car or bus. A wonderful centre for climbing the mountains of Assynt, archeology, botany, geology, etc.

Cost: Approximately £22 - £25 per night, per person - bed and breakfast plus contribution of £5 to communal meal on Saturday evening. A block booking has been made and when this is full it will be on a first come-first served basis depending on the availability of extra accommodation in the Lodge.

If you wish to book please send a deposit of £15 per person (cheque made payable to Scottish Arctic Club) to Kathleen Cartwright, Mid Cambusmoon Cottage, Gartocharn, Alexandria, G83 8RS, Tel. no: 01389830485 - arcturus@btinternet.com

If you wish to extend your stay at the lodge either before or after the weekend please let Kathleen know.

Expedition Fund Donations and Awards

Applications for 2010 and donations are welcomed.

Awards should favour small independent expeditions being undertaken by people under 30 years of age with strong Scottish connections.

Applications should be submitted by 31 January of the year in which the expedition is taking place.

Only expeditions to the Arctic will be considered.

At the time of writing, we presently have three applications waiting to be considered by the committee in February.

See website: www/scottisharcticclub.org.uk for applications for expedition fund and new members

Fortrose Academy Arctic Exchange Update

Members attending the presentations at the supper in November were treated to a splendid unscheduled talk by pupils of Fortrose Academy, who had recently returned from a trip to visit pupils of Qiuqirtag Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, Canada. The following recent correspondence provides an update on their progress with planning a return visit by the Gjoa Haven school pupils in spring this year.

"How remarkable that our young Arctic Exchange Team should now be experiencing such "Arctic" weather conditions here on the Black Isle.

Despite the conditions our little band of willing fund-raisers has been busy over the Christmas holidays. We've raised £499 by holding various events and providing teas at Christmas shows locally. All this, in an effort to give the Gjoa Haven team a wonderful experience without incurring them any extra expense when they visit us in the Spring."

Fortrose Academy have submitted an application for an award from the SAC, to be considered by the committee in February.

Committee Members

Thanks go to Jim Thomson and Eve Gilmore, both of whom retired after serving on the committee for the last three years. Thanks also to Susie Allison, having agreed to extend her work on the committee to a fourth year whilst she catalogued the SAC map collection prior to handing them over to RSGS.

Finally, thank you to John Hay, who has devoted a total of 9 years to the committee, serving as Vice President, President and Past President.

Note from the Secretary

A quick note of thanks to all of the committee members who were responsible for coordinating the smooth running of the 2009 Supper at Strathpeffer. The organisation of the supper, from management of booking forms to selling of raffle tickets was truly a result of teamwork, and highlighted how much time Averil and Gavin have put into the club over the previous 10 years.

Unfortunately, due to work and family commitments, I will be standing down as Secretary at the 2010 AGM. My time as Secretary has brought me into contact with many wonderful people, both members and non members, very young and ...well....some a little less young, but all sharing a passion for the arctic.

Any members wishing to find out more about taking over from me as secretary should email me at raveycr@aol.com or by phone as noted in the membership information list.