



SCOTTISH ARCTIC CLUB

Summer Newsletter - July 2010

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**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.**

SAC Historical Photos

Since this year is the 40th anniversary dinner, it has been suggested that we could have a display of "historic" photographs at the Supper.

If anyone has photos of various Arctic locations with Club members past or present included in them they could bring them in November. Considering that we often have around 100 members attending the supper, we would have to limit the numbers, probably to 2 or 3 photos per person.

The idea is presently just that....an idea. It will depend on availability of facilities and volunteers to help organise the display. More in the autumn newsletter.

Kathleen Cartwright Reports on the Easter Meet to Inchnadamph 2 - 5 April 2010

18 members of the Club had an excellent weekend at Inchnadamph Lodge in April. After the Arctic conditions and snows of the previous few days the weather cleared and we all enjoyed some very interesting walks. Some braved the snow on the higher tops whilst others headed for the lower snow-free passes and after these walks several slaked their thirst at the bar at the Kylesku Hotel! As has become the custom, the tables in the Lodge on Saturday and Sunday evenings groaned with salmon and venison and many homemade sweets. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in so many ways to such an enjoyable weekend.

2011 SPRING MEET - Attadale
Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th May 2011

We have now been to Inchnadamph for the last 3 years and although it has proved to be an excellent venue, it was felt that it was time for a change both of dates and location. Attadale Lodge near Strathcarron in Wester Ross has 4 self-catering cottages situated about a mile up the glen from the lodge and its magnificent gardens. It is a marvelous area for walking with numerous interesting tracks into the hills and lochs and across passes. There is also the garden to explore and Skye, Kintail, Applecross and even Torridon are not far away. We have booked 3 of these cottages for the week of Saturday 7 - Saturday 14 May 2011 (They only accept week-long bookings). This will give accommodation for 19 persons. It will allow us to be flexible with the length of time people wish to spend there i.e. from 2 days to 7 days and also when they wish to stay.

If you are interested in joining the group at Attadale please let Kathleen know since it is important to have an indication of the numbers and dates as soon as possible. The cost per night will be about £20 - £25, depending on numbers and length of stay. As usual we shall have one or two communal meals but you will have to supply your own food for the remainder (There is an award winning Spar shop and Butcher in Lochcarron). As a bonus for those without car transport, there is a station on the Kyle of Lochalsh Line at Attadale.

If you are interested in this spring meeting please contact Kathleen Cartwright: Telephone: 01389 830485, e-mail: arcturus@btinternet.com

Expedition Fund Donations and Awards

Applications for 2011 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.

This year the club made three awards, these being to Fortrose Academy towards their arctic exchange project, Banchory Academy for their trip to the Harding Ice Field, and Timothy Hunter towards his BSES expedition to Svalbard

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 talk by pupils of Fortrose Academy, who had recently returned from a trip to visit pupils of Qiuqirtag Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, Canada. The return visit to Scotland by the Gjoa Haven pupils will take place between 22nd and 31st August this summer.

Fortrose Academy have put together an exciting program for the visit, and have indicated that representatives from the SAC would be welcome to join in with some events. There is mention of a Ceilidh on 26th Aug (presumably in Fortrose) and possibly a BBQ at Loch Morlich on 29th Aug. Plans are still being made so if any members are interested please contact the secretary at raveycr@aol.com and I will confirm details.

Vacancy

Apologies for the delay with the May Newsletter. As you'll see, I've eased my conscience by just re-branding it as the July newsletter.

As noted in the January newsletter, I will be stepping down as secretary in November this year.

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.

Volunteer Required

Members may recall that the 2009 AGM agreed that it was now time to add members email addresses to the circulated membership information list.

Unfortunately I have not had time to make a start on this. The task requires a basic knowledge of excel and word in order to copy addresses from excel to a word document and then reformat them.

If you have time to assist with this task please contact me at: