



SCOTTISH ARCTIC CLUB

Autumn Newsletter – October 2012

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 Liz Patterson and Stella Spratley*

42nd Annual Gathering and Supper 10th November 2012

Scotland's Hotel, Pitlochry

2.00 pm Presentations and refreshments followed by the AGM at 5.00 pm

The venue for this year's Gathering & Supper will be Scotland's Hotel, 44 Bonneathill Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5BT, tel. 01796 484900, web-site: www.crerarhotels.com.

The cost of the Supper is included in the hotel's cost of dinner, bed & breakfast for those staying, otherwise the meal only is £20 to be paid when returning the booking form to Iain.

The additional cost to attend the afternoon Gathering will be £10.00.

Please return the forms to
 Iain Allison, 1/R 13 Crosbie Street, Glasgow G20 0BQ
by 27th October.

Please remember to return the Subscription Form if you are unable to attend the Gathering.

As last year, seating arrangements will be on a 'pot luck' basis with a member of committee acting as host at each table. This seemed to work well but if you need, or particularly want, to sit next to another person please make this clear on your booking form.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR ROOM? If you intend to stay overnight at Scotland's Hotel, please book directly with the hotel as soon as you can. Dinner, bed & breakfast is £52 per person sharing a double room. Mention the Scottish Arctic Club.

Friday 9th November - Informal evening. Many members take the opportunity to arrive at the hotel on the Friday evening. This informal get-together gives more time to talk to everyone and is becoming increasingly popular. The hotel can provide dinner, bed & breakfast for Friday night at the same cost. There is space on the booking form where you can indicate whether you will be wishing to eat together on Friday evening.

Raffle for Expedition Fund

Our small but important expedition fund relies on donations from members and money raised at the supper. A raffle will be held after the Supper. Contributions for prizes are welcomed. Please bring them along to the Supper.

Newsletter

This Newsletter comes to you both as paper copy and via email. If you receive both, then our records are up-to-date. If you have received only the paper copy, then either we do not have an email address for you and you always receive a paper copy or your email address in our files is incorrect. If you have received only the electronic copy, then we have an incorrect postal address for you.

In either case, please contact the secretary to update the club's records. Thank you. Postal address is above and email is: sacsecretaryia@gmail.com

**Conference Presentations
2 pm to 5 pm 10th November**

Members are invited to give brief presentations (approximately 10 minutes long) accompanied by digital images (or slides). Please complete details when sending in your booking form.

Ideally we would like to have all digital presentations coordinated for showing through one PC/Mac and for them to have been tested before the event. A digital projector capable of taking feeds from both PC and Mac will be set up in the room, and a Kodak carousel projector will also be available for those showing 35mm slides. Would-be digital presenters will be asked to discuss with **Chris Gilmore** what they intend so that any issues re. software etc. can be addressed well in advance of the day! (Contact chris.gilmore@glasgow.ac.uk or tel 0141 563 9637)

If anyone unfamiliar with digital presentation techniques would like a simple sequence of their images set up for them, Chris can do this, provided he receives a disk with the images well enough in advance.

**2012 SPRING MEET – Attadale
Saturday 11th - Saturday 18th May 2013**

We have had two very successful Spring Meets at Attadale so a booking was made for May 2013. 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 11th - Saturday 18th May 2013 (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 Mike Lea 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.

A sign-up sheet will be at the Gathering, otherwise please contact our president, Mike Lea, as soon as you can, tel.: 01768 342353, email: mikejlea@gmail.com

Subscription

The annual subscription of £5.00 per person is now due. Please complete the relevant part of the attached booking form and send us your cheque.

The subscription year runs from 1st September to 31st August but in practice we collect the annual sub. at the Gathering in November.

Members become lapsed after two unpaid years.

At the AGM the committee will propose that a standard £5 contribution to the expedition fund be added to the £5 annual subscription to make core funding for expeditions more reliable.

New Members

People who have visited the Arctic region and have a continuing interest in such regions are invited to apply for membership of the Club.

Application forms available through the internet:
www.scottisharcticclub.org.uk

Expedition Fund Donations and Awards

Applications for 2013 and donations are welcomed.

Awards 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. Again, please see the web-site

Eight awards were made for research and expeditions this year. These varied from £150 to £500. Total sum awarded was £2000.

Committee Members

After three years of serving as vice president Andrea Anderson will be standing down this year. Committee members, Chris Calver, Ronan Dougan and Stella Spratley will also be completing their three-year term of service. Our thanks to all four for the work they have put in to the smooth running of the club.

Suggestions for new committee members will be welcomed from the membership. Although Helen Thomson agreed to continue as treasurer last year we would like to nominate a replacement sooner rather than at the end of the normal term.

Note from the Secretary

Please remember that the newsletter is your forum for sharing news, so please let me have brief articles, and inform me of anything worth sharing. Finally, please keep me informed of any changes to your address, especially email addresses.

Returning your forms!

If you are renewing your membership but NOT attending the Gathering & Supper, please return just the small A5 form with your cheque for either £5, or £10 as subscription and a £5 Expedition Fund contribution or £10+ if you wish to give more to the Expedition Fund

If you are renewing your membership AND attending the Gathering and Supper, please return BOTH forms.

If you are attending the Gathering only for the afternoon and not the Supper in the evening, the cost is £10 to cover the hire of the hall, refreshments and equipment.

If you are attending the Gathering and the Supper but NOT staying in the hotel overnight, then the cost is £10 for the Gathering plus £20 for the Supper; so £30 to be added to the sum on the Subscription form.

If you are attending the Gathering, the Supper and staying overnight, the cost is £10 to be added to the sum on the Subscription form. The cost of the Supper will be included in your dinner bed & breakfast rate for the hotel.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda for the AGM to be held at Scotland's Hotel, Pitlochry
on Saturday 10th November, 2012 at 5.00 pm

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the AGM of 19 November 2011 (previously.circulated)
2. Matters arising
3. The Annual Report & Accounts for year to 31 August 2012
4. Membership Report
5. Expedition Fund
6. Expedition Reports and Database.
7. SAC Web-site
8. Election of new committee members
9. Spring meet - Attadale, May 2013
10. Annual Supper 2013 - venue, date
11. Activities on Sunday 11th November 2012
12. Any other business