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APRIL/MAY 2005

**Dear Member,**

The Club AGM took place in mid March with a good turn out of members. As well as the usual business, we were treated to a very informative talk on the subject of mountain photography by Neil McGregor, also a member of the Kirkintilloch Camera Club. The range of scenes and seasonal colours both in this country and abroad, was exceptional.

The new Committee comprises: Eunice Coop (Chairperson), Steve Turnbull (Secretary), John Berry (treasurer), Helen Wood (MCofS Liaison) and Cedric Davies (Equipment). The new committee held its first meeting recently.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

KMC Annual Barbeque will take place at Iain and Jean Keddie's House in Lennoxton on Thursday 19 May.

**2005: DAY OUTINGS**

22 May	Glen Afton, Ayrshire
19 June	Mamores
17 July	Glen Etive

**2005: WEEKEND TRIPS**

28-30 May	Lochranza Hostel, Isle of Arran (10 places - organiser - Iain)
23-26 September	Kinloch Castle Hostel, Isle of Rum (15 places - organiser - Steve)
11/12 November	Glen Feshie (14 places - organiser - Jim Bunney)

**Rum:** Steve has a number of names for this trip. He has been contacted by the Kinloch Castle hostel people requesting numbers and male/female split to aid their bookings information. It would be most helpful if members could contact Steve to confirm their intention to go on this trip. If you have not already got your name on the list, but wish to come, please contact Steve as soon as possible, so that numbers can be confirmed as soon as possible with the hostel.

**2006: WEEKEND TRIPS**

Arrangements are in hand for next year's trips using the suggestions made at the AGM as the basis for plans. Once confirmation of bookings is made, the trips will be published in the next newsletters.

Bookings for weekend trips should be accompanied by a £5.00 deposit to the trip organiser. Early bookings appreciated to give ample time to adjust numbers, if necessary.

**ANNOUNCING THE "LAST MUNRO" - TWICE**

2005 is likely to see a number of Club members completing their Munro's round.

**Sunday 5 June** - Steve aims to complete his round by climbing Stuchd an Lochan in west Glen Lyon. Club members are most welcome to celebrate this 28-year career! Steve's family and a few friends unfamiliar with bigger hills intend coming along so the start time from the dam is likely to be late morning or midday. Details to follow. If you intend coming, please let Steve know so that arrangements can be made re times.

**Saturday 27 August** - Joyce and Jimmy aim to complete their round by climbing Beinn a Charoinn near Tulloch on the Laggan Road. Thereafter, there will be a ceilidh that evening in Newtonmore. Again, members most welcome to celebrate Joyce and Jimmy's achievement. Details of time, etc to follow. Please

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let Joyce and Jimmy know if you intend coming. As the ceilidh will be held in the evening, anyone intending to come should think about accommodation.

## REPORTS

### A Walk in the Sperrins (Reporter: Chris Thirkettle)

#### Mar Lodge (April) (Reporter: Steve Turnbull)

The early Spring trip this year was based at Mar Lodge near Braemar. This was the first visit by the Club to the former royal hunting lodge. 26 Club members turned out in force and around half were billeted in the large bedrooms of the wood-panelled lodge while the rest of us were housed in the converted stable block. The usual discussions about who would be doing what on Saturday took place as members arrived on the Friday evening. Steve and Rebecca had driven leisurely up country stopping off at Bruar for coffee and at Aviemore for an OS map en route to Ben Rinnes, the most northerly Corbett in the Cairngorms area. A late lunch was partaken by the car at 4.30 before the minor assault on the hill, the summit of which was reached before 6pm in sunny weather with a strong wind blowing. Charmian, meanwhile, en route north from Lincolnshire, stopped off at Glen Shee and bagged the three Munros on the west side of the glen.

Saturday was bright and sunny and the membership headed off to the hills in just about every direction conceivable. Several of us got sunburned. Charmian, Peter, Alistair and Steve drove to Loch Muick and walked the Lochnagar round of five Munros in just over nine hours, also taking in the Corbett 'Conachraig'. A large group walked and cycled up the Derry Lodge track to tackle Beinn Bhreic, Beinn a Charoinn and Beinn Mheadhoin (George, Iain, Jean and Paul), Derry Cairngorm and Beinn Mheadhoin (Helen, Rebecca, Jack, Heather and Sue), Derry Cairngorm, Beinn Bhreac and Beinn a Charoinn (Joyce and Jimmy), Beinn Bhreac and Beinn a Charoinn (Richard and Sandra), or a combination thereof. John and Eunice cycled west past the White Bridge and into a strong headwind all the way to Geldie Lodge from where they climbed An Sgarsoch and Carn an Fheidleir. Meanwhile, Iain and Fay climbed Morrone near Braemar, and Liz, Barbara, Sinclair, Maureen and Moyra went for walks in the nearby glens.

The Saturday evening communal meal was a jolly affair as the 26 of us sat at a huge table fit for lords and ladies and were served the usual high standard of KMC cuisine – three courses washed down with copious quantities of wine with cheese and biscuits to follow for those who could still move!

Saturday's weather would be hard to beat, and predictably, the weather on Sunday was not good with low cloud and rain later. Nonetheless, the hardy souls put on the boots again and headed out into the local hills. This time, hopes of bagging lots of hills were thwarted by the weather but this did not stop Iain, Jean, John, Paul and Sandra from walking into the Lairig Ghru to climb Devil's Point. Joyce and Jimmy, with the end of their Munro's round now clearly in sight, cycled up Glen Ey and climbed Carn Bhac and An Socach to claim two more hills, while Sinclair, Maureen and Moyra walked up the same glen to the ruined cottage and were a trifle damp on their return. Meanwhile, George, Helen, Rebecca, Jack, Iain, Fay and Heather went for a cycle ride to xxxxxxxx and Eunice went for a glen walk. Charmian and Alistair braved the elements and claimed four of the six Munros east of Glen Shee. Peter climbed the Corbett near Mar Lodge and Steve drove east in search of a couple of new Corbetts and some petrol for the car. As the 'gas station' was closed until ten at Braemar, this forced Steve to continue to Ballater. The weather was a bit miserable and he took the opportunity to explore parts of Aberdeenshire and Morayshire hitherto unknown to him. This included Inverurie (coffee, bacon and egg at Tesco!), Old Meldrum, Huntly and Dufftown, where he found a tourist railway line, coffee and malt whisky cake. The Loanhead of Daviot prehistoric recumbent stone circle and ring cairn was visited in thick mist (which produced a ghostly atmosphere). A grand number of distilleries were spotted too. Thoughts of climbing a hill had not been rejected but Corriehabbie Hill was buried in thick cloud and Carn Easalaid, which was second choice, was also lost in the haze, with the cloud level well below the Lecht road summit. Sunday evening produced another rib-tickling three-courser.

Alas, all good weekends draw to a close. Many members decided to head home directly. Morven, the Corbett north of Ballater, was the target of a nine-strong party for the shortish climb - Peter, Heather, Paul, Moyra, Iain, Jean, Alistair, Rebecca and Steve. Joyce and Jimmy climbed the Devil's Point and John, Eunice and Sandra climbed the west Glen Shee hills. Charmian had driven south on the Sunday evening with the intention of climbing Ben Vorlich and Stuc a Chroin on the Monday before the long drive back to Lincolnshire.

All in all, an excellent weekend with lots of banter and so far is recorded, a tally of 84 Munros and 20 Corbetts climbed.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

19 May KMC Barbeque – venue – Iain and Jean Keddie's house, Lennoxton

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15 September (Thursday) – KMC curry meal night in Kirkintilloch. Chinese or Indian? It has been decided by the Committee to canvass the members who will attend to see what their preference is. If you could let Steve know as soon as possible, he will book for one or the other.

October – KMC slide evening. Steve will contact a possible speaker on the subject of mountain landslips. Members should also be prepared to bring along their slides. Date to be confirmed.

December – pre Christmas KMC meal at Bridgend House Hotel, Callendar. The date will be Sunday xxx December (that is a few days after members return from the Tenerife excursion).

## REMINDERS!

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2005/2006 ARE NOW PAYABLE.**

Please contact John Berry (Treasurer). The fees remain the same as last year, namely, £12 per individual member and £22 for a couple.

### **Mapping Software**

Copies of maps can be printed off by John Berry using the Club's map software.

### **KMC Equipment List**

Cedric is now the custodian of the Club's equipment. If you wish to borrow a piece of the equipment, please contact Cedric. The list of the items of equipment is as printed in the April 2004 newsletter.

### **KMC Constitution availability**

Copies of the KMC constitution were handed out at the AGM for information. If any member who was not in attendance at the AGM would like a copy of the constitution, please contact Steve.

### **E-mail Addresses**

A number of members have changed their e-mail addresses over the last year. I would like to use the opportunity of this first newsletter to double-check everyone's e-mail address, as there have been a number of instances where I have been informed that members have not received their newsletter through this route. I would be obliged if you would confirm that the e-mail address on the list below is correct. If not, please advise me of any corrections requiring to be made. Thanks.