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ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

Bulletin 57

Dear Member,

For once I am not having to struggle to find material for the Bulletin, and happily, most of the content is coming from members. This is the last issue before the Annual General Meeting on the 26th April 1975 and so therefore carries news of proposals and amendments to the Constitution.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 5th March 1975

Present: T.Hickey. D.Price.C.Millard. E.Kelly. J.Foster. D.Ogden. N.Haigh.
M.Crawford.B.Carter. D.Harding.

Non M/C Members Fr D. Elder
TE. Southworth.

Chairman's Report. The Club was going through a relatively quiet time at the moment and there was nothing to report.

Secretary's Report. New Graduate Members: B & S Foord. P & A Duffy.
D. Kane. R & A Robinson.
C. Draper.

New Full Members : C. Crawford. Y.Knight.
D. Brown. F. Brown.
M. Glancy.

Because of non-payment of subs or expired Graduate Membership, the total Membership of the Club now is 456.

Correspondence: T.Meredith (B.M.C.) use of Huts by
B.M.C. Members Clubs.
E.Whiteside.

(Results of questionnaire in
last bulletin on A.G.M. venue.
22 Preston. II Lakes.
3 Don't care where it is held.
476 forms sent out!)

B. Ayre.
Society for Protection of Unborn Child.
Mr Holden re Water rights Bishop's Scale.
W. Carter - new lease for Buckbarrow.
Also some notes on the use of polypropylene ropes which are to be copied and displayed on Hut Notice Boards. PLEASE READ if you are about to purchase a rope.

Treasurer's Report.

The Insurances referred to in the last Bulletin have now been paid - £130 approx. The Rates on Club Huts still outstanding. Approx £94 spent on fuel, Bulletin paper for 1975, postage, membership cards, Secretary's expenses - mainly hire of room for Committee Meetings.

Main Account £246. 47
Deposit Account £225. 93
Total £472. 40

Hut Wardens' Reports. Langdale: Heaters now installed in the Family Quarters. There has been a weekend devoted to cleaning. Outward Bound bookings cancelled. A volunteer is wanted to undertake periodic cleaning to the chapel. Land drain needs excavating near the Chapel - water still seeping through into Chapel.

Tyn Twr: Septic Tank still not repaired - letter to be sent to McAlpine.
Report on Meet 1st March

Buckbarrow: The Buckbarrow report took the form of a release of information regarding the Ennerdale Walk in May. Details in Bulletin.

Dunmail: Following complaints a skip is to be ordered and a good deal of rubbish on Dunmail site is to be removed.

Meets and Special Events: The Olde Tyme Music Hall was a huge success and a lot of experience had been gained in organising it. The event raised £42.40 profit. The Chairman congratulated all concerned with the show and said it had been a most enjoyable evening. A bouquet had been sent to Mrs Pat Margiotti.

Any Other Business: In addition to the vacant positions on the Management Committee printed in the last Bulletin, there is now a vacancy for one Ordinary Member.

Subscription Secretary: Subs now due - £3 for Full Membership.
25p Junior Membership.

Send To: Nev Haigh,
752, Devonshire Rd,
Norbreck,
BLACKPOOL.

LOST AT LANGDALE

Black's stone coloured Sleeping Bag - with hood. If anyone has seen it please contact Nev Haigh, address above. Tel: B, pool 54505.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Does anyone have any information on the Tea Hut in the Ogwen Pass - any interesting info, particularly historical, very much appreciated.

Send to:

Ken Godfrey,
Moorfield,
Dunsley,
Kinver,
S. Staffs.

TYN TWR MEET 1st March 1975

A fitting weekend for a meet in Wales, Saturday being St David's Day. However, I didn't notice leek soup on anyone's menu (or daffodil soup for that matter).

There was quite a good attendance, 24 being a vey^r comfortable number of residents for Tyn Twr. Included were 2 or 3 members for whom it was the first visit. How much longer will it be before ALL our club members have sampled the luxury of my canvas bunks and the splendour of the Welsh Hills?

The previous week's weather had inspired hopes for an excellent weekend but of course the usual happened. The 'high' declined and on Friday evening the Atlantic fronts started to creep in again. Although Saturday was overcast, with variable cover on the tops, the rain was light and sparse. Rock was climbed in 'the Pass' (some of it hard) and at Ogwen, but the majority preferred to walk, scattering over the Carnedd's and the Glyders.

Sunday had some quite bright periods, but with rather heavy showers in between, so that walking was again the favourite.

Apart from the I4 Peaks weekend nearly two years ago, this has been the best meet yet at Tyn Twr. There have been meets in the past when less than half-a-dozen have turned up, so I had wondered if a working weekend had been advertised by mistake! I hope this meet has set a pattern for the future.

You may have noticed on your meets card that Buckbarrow and Tyn Twr have meets scheduled both Spring and Autumn, but only one meet at Bishop's Scale. As most members go to Langdale fairly frequently this is deliberate policy to encourage members to visit the two huts which are the furthest away. If we can synchronise our long distance weekends with other members, it should be easier to share transport and make the cost of petrol reasonable.

John Foster (Hut Warden)

A PRIEST FOR SKYE (Again?)

Not just again but every Summer.

Skye is included with Rhum, Canna and Uigg, in the Parish of Knoydart. The Parish Priest is based at Inverie on the mainland, so that normally Skye has Mass only about once a month, taking turn with the other islands.

There are very few Catholics resident on Skye, but in the Summer the congregation is swollen manyfold by visitors. To provide mass every Sunday for these large numbers, without neglecting the other islands, Fr MacNeill relies on visiting priests, usually on holiday, from about Whit to the end of September.

This is the third year (I think) that this request has gone out in the Bulletin and I have wondered a few times if it has any effect. Where do our Reverend Members go for their holidays? Do they seek the sun on the Med, or the Canaries (are priests in short supply there?) Or perhaps Ireland is the beneficiary (also short of priests?).

Last Summer I was pleased to find that two members - whom I had not previously met - from Barrow and Manchester, had answered the call.

island, in spite of the weather.

With a club like ours, the only Catholic climbing club nationally, it should be possible to supply not only Skye, but the whole of the Scottish Highlands.

If any members would like information about Skye, I will do my best to supply it. If anyone is on Skye they are welcome to call in at our Croft when we are there. It is next to the petrol station in Sconser, on the Sligachan side. As well as Christmas and Easter I am usually there by the last weekend in June until the first week of September.

For Skye, write to Fr MacNeill, Inverie, by Mallaig, Invernesshire. For the N.W. Highlands and islands generally, write to:

Bishop of Argyle and the Isles,
St Columbas,
Oban,
Argyleshire.

John Foster.

THE ENNERDALE WATERSHED

This year the A.R.C.C. Annual Long Walk takes place from Buckbarrow. Those taking part in the walk will breakfast (cooked for them!) at 5.30am. Immediately after breakfast walkers will be transported by car to the start of the walk at Whin Farm at the start of the Floutern Pass route to Buttermere I"O.S. Map 098168. The route proceeds as follows:

	ASCENT	MILES	MILEAGE
Great Bonne	1600	4	4
Starling Dodd	480	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Red Pike	650	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$
High Stile	360	$\frac{3}{4}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
High Crag	80	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Haystacks	550	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$9\frac{3}{4}$
Brandreth	850	2	$11\frac{3}{4}$
Green Gable	450	1	$12\frac{3}{4}$
Great Gable	500	$\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{4}$
Kirk Fell	700	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{4}$
Pillar	1150	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{4}$
Scoat Fell	300	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$18\frac{1}{4}$
Steeple	140	$\frac{1}{4}$	$18\frac{3}{4}$
Scoat Fell	140	$\frac{1}{4}$	$18\frac{3}{4}$
Haycock	330	1	$19\frac{3}{4}$
Seatallan	670	2	$21\frac{3}{4}$
Buckbarrow Crag	20	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{1}{4}$
Buckbarrow Hut	descent!	$\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{3}{4}$
		Total	24miles

Food and Drink will be provided at two places on the walk, at Scarth Gap (Bacon Butty, Tea and Ca ke) and at Black Sail (Soup and Bread, Tea etc) On returning to the hut an evening meal will be provided. On Sunday walkers must provide their own food. Those taking part must wear boots and suitable clothing. Also, all parties must be in possession of a compass, map (the right one) and whistle.

The complete route may be found in Book 7, The Western Fells, Wainwright.

A charge will be made to cover the cost of catering which will be approx £1 - £1-50 per person.

Because of the limited accomodation early booking is advisable (form at end of Bulletin) entries to be in by 23rd April to Hut Warden - address on Booking Form.

M. Crawford.(Hut Warden)

MEMBERS' LETTERS

To the Secretary.

Dear Derek,

Oh how I echo those words of Ginger Hickey in the last Bulletin, "It's a pity that members did not get hot under the collar about the spirit of the club, and such problems as Dunmail, working weekends and cleanliness!"

I'm sorry I wasn't at the Informal Open Meeting - my bulletin had been mislaid, and I was unaware of the meeting.

The club seems to be going through a period of change and I can't help but wonder whether it is for the good.

When I first became connected with the club, and had the good fortune to be given the opportunity of joining, I respected the principles and rules that existed. Established members like yourself seemed to have the right spirit. Enthusiasm from other members for whatever project in hand was offered and given willingly. As I became more involved, and more and more 'fringe' members introduced their friends, who in turn became 'fringe' members, the true purpose of the club seemed to get overlooked.

Yes it was cheap enough to stay, the huts were conveniently situated the rules were there to be bent, the old familiar members would always keep the place clean and raise the money to finance repairs and maintenance.

But, more and more applicants with selfish interests slipped through the net. Some to get cheap holidays for their kids, some to avoid the rigours of camping, and so on, but not many to join in the activities or graft involved in running such an organisation.

I don't use the club huts much at the moment, but I still have the welfare of the club very much at heart. In the years when I was more actively involved I always tried to put more into the club than I got out.

Why don't a few more members try just that? It can be great fun and very rewarding!!

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Barry Ayre.

Editor's note - Barry was Secretary for a number of years and has also published the bulletin.

A letter has been received from Peter O'Neill who lives in New Delhi. If there are any Himalayan aspirants in the Club a bed can be found en route at Peter's address;

Peter O'Neill,
Correspondant. Reuters,
27, Prithviraj Road,
New Delhi - II
INDIA.

Peter has recently married a Miss Uma Nath and will be sending some articles he has had published on the Kumaon.

PROPOSALS FOR A.G.M.

Amendment to Rules 5 and 6.

Proposed by the Management Committee.

The following amendments were promised by the Management Committee in 1974 to clarify the new Junior Membership Rule:

Proposal:- That the figure 6 of the existing Rule 6 and the heavy print APPLICATION OF NON-CATHOLICS be excluded.

That Rule 6 will start at paragraph (i) under the heading CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

That the first paragraph of the existing Rule 6 will become the fourth paragraph of Rule 5 and be followed by the Junior Membership Rule.

The last two paragraphs of Rule 5 and the beginning of Rule 6 will read as follows:

Paragraph 4 Rule 5

Applications from non-catholics may be considered by the Management Committee within the region of 15% of the total membership, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Paragraph 5

1. The Management Committee may grant Junior Membership to the children or wards under the age of 17, of any full member. Junior Membership will not normally be granted to the children of members who have not been full members for at least 5 years.
2. Junior Membership will remain valid whilst a parent or guardian remains a full member.
3. Junior Membership will cease at the age of 17 at which age a Junior Member may apply directly for full membership.
4. Junior Members will pay a nominal annual subscription fee which will be determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
5. Junior Members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a Full Member when visiting the Club Huts.
6. Junior Members will not be permitted to bring guests to the Club Huts.

7. The Management Committee may make any rule concerning Junior Members which it may consider expedient.
8. Junior Members will not be permitted to vote at any meeting of the Club and will not be permitted to hold office in the club.
9. No children, except those who are Junior Members, may stay at any of the Huts without the special written permission of the Hut Warden. Permission will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.
10. The Hut Warden's permission must be granted before Junior Members use Buckbarrow Hut. Permission will be granted whenever possible.

Rule 6

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

(i) In any list of members published by the Club. . . .etc.,

THE REMAINDER OF THE EXISTING RULE 6 REMAINS THE SAME.

PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS

(I) Proposer: B. Carter.
Seconded: T. Walmsley.

That the heading of Rule 6: Application of Non-Catholics, be changed to: Conditions of Membership, and that the first part of the second paragraph, section (iii), Rule 6, which begins: The Entrance Fee, Subscriptions and Hut Fees, shall be deleted and shall be replaced with: The Entrance Fee, Subscriptions, Maintenance Surcharge and Hut Fees.

Also that a section (iv) be appended to Rule 6 to read as follows:

All Life, Full and Graduating Members shall pay annually a sum of money to finance maintenance of the property held or used by the Club. This shall be termed 'The Maintenance Surcharge.' The Maintenance Surcharge shall become due at the same time as the subscriptions, but the Management Committee may, at their discretion, allow a period of twelve calendar months to elapse before calling on members to pay the Maintenance Surcharge. Any Member attending a required number of full working weekends during the above mentioned period of twelve months at any property designated by the Management Committee, will not be required to pay the Surcharge. Members attending part of the required number of full working weekends will be required to pay a proportionately smaller Maintenance Surcharge as directed by the Management Committee.

The required number of working weekends shall be decided from time to time by the Management Committee.

(II) Proposer: B. Carter.
Seconded: B. Margiotta

That the 4th paragraph of Rule 5 be changed to read as follows:
Applications for Full Membership from non-catholics may be considered by the Management Committee within the region of 15% of total (Full) Membership at the discretion of the Management Committee provided that this rule shall in no way operate to limit the proportion of non-catholic applications for Graduate Membership which the Management Committee may at their discretion consider.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

From the result of the survey carried out by the Management Committee in the last Bulletin the Annual General Meeting will take place at:

St Ignatius Hall,
Pump Street,
PRESTON.

at 2-30pm on the 26th April 1975.

GENERAL

I hope that there will be a good turn-out at the A.G.M. in order to clear the air of whatever grievance or suggestions there may be forthcoming from members. The Open Meeting and the result of the survey were pathetic, it makes one wonder what all the fuss is about anyway. I can only echo Barry Ayre's comments on page 5. so, after the A.G.M. a more positive approach to all that unites members rather than divides should be the order of the day.

The recent postal increases have resulted in the Bulletin costing £22 to send out - previously it was £14 per issue.

Many thanks for contributions to the Bulletin and to all the people who give up part of their spare time in writing 400 hundred envelopes, duplicating, stapling, folding, licking and sticking etc, at times it is a wonder that there is a Bulletin at all!

Best wishes,

Ted Southworth.

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