

Munro matters

Following confirmation that the Ordnance Survey will adopt the height information from the recent surveys carried out by the Munro Society, the Scottish Mountaineering Club has confirmed that it will amend the official list of Munros (Munro's Tables ®), which it maintains, to show that Sgùrr nan Ceannaichean (913m) is now no longer a Munro.



This change brings the number of separate summits in Sir Hugh's list of 3000ft peaks to 283. Sgùrr nan Ceannaichean will be added to Corbett's Tables which the Club also maintains and all future SMC publications will show these changes. The Club is grateful to the Munro Society for its efforts and for bringing this revised height information to its attention. You might also wish to visit the Club website where there is further information on the surveys carried out by the Munro Society, the SMC's press conference statement and where the lists of the Munros and Corbetts can all be found on the Munros page.

Eastern District Lectures

This year we have changed our venue to The Royal Overseas League in Princes Street. Although we have enjoyed the cheerful service provided by the Southside Community Centre, it was felt that some more time afterwards for a beer or two in a pleasant setting would make for a more convivial evening. Our lectures will not be restricted to 9.00pm, allowing for the more lengthy deliveries preferred by some of the audience. The bar will be open until 10.00 or 10.30pm. It also commands fine views of the castle etc. The address is 100 Princes Street, close to the junction with Frederick Street. Free parking is available in George Street after 6.30pm. The ROL does a reasonable high tea or evening meal and if you would like to join the President and the speaker beforehand then please contact Des Rubens.

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13th October - Grahame Nicoll - *A Retrospective of a Climber's Life*. For our inaugural lecture of the 2009/10 season, we are deeply honoured to have attracted Grahame south from Perthshire. Grahame is famed throughout Birnam (and Dunkeld) for the quality of his mountain photography and his works have frequently graced the glossies of the media world. This evening he will show slides of his climbing exploits mostly in the 1980's at home and abroad. Members will recall many daring winter ascents of this era. These will range from the Salisbury Crags to winters in Torridon and trips to the Alps and beyond.

10th November - Alison Higham on the *Ladies Scottish Climbing Club in Bolivia* - part of the LSCC's centenary celebrations. Alison will give a personal view on ascents in Bolivia in areas such as Khara Khota. A few of our own members were involved - a reminder of the long connection between the SMC and the LSCC.

8th December - Ross Jones on the *Art of Sea Stacking*. There is nothing like the adventure and challenge of getting on to, let alone climbing up, a sea stack. It more often than not requires a whole range of tactics and provides the occasional epic. Ross Jones has climbed more than 75 different stacks over the last decade and will give a show covering some of the challenges and techniques used from The Souter to the Totem Pole.

12 January - Members' slides

9th February - Hugh Simpson. Details to be announced.

9th March - Gary Latter. Details to be announced.

Publications

The Publications Sub-Committee is setting up a working group which will discuss the next series of climbing guidebooks. Subjects like coverage, content and layout (non-technical) are to be considered. The group at present includes Andy Nisbet, Rab Anderson, Simon Richardson, Neil Morrison, Tom Prentice, Kevin Howett and Colin Moody but it would be good to include one or two younger folk, say under 40, who are keen on guidebooks as well as climbing. There will be a meeting (at a time to be arranged) during the first two weeks in November, either an evening or a day at a weekend. Anyone interested, please contact Andy Nisbet.

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