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## Changes to MCoS website

If you haven't visited the MCoS website for a few months then please log onto [www.mcofs.org.uk](http://www.mcofs.org.uk) and check out the changes that have been going on there. Our home page has been upgraded and the new fast link buttons are a great improvement in terms of enabling you to navigate more quickly around the site. We have more changes planned for the site, so keep checking back and make use of the RSS feeds that we have recently introduced. As always, we welcome feedback, so if you have any comments about the website then please send me an e-mail to [mike@mcofs.org.uk](mailto:mike@mcofs.org.uk).

## Tiso Evenings

Tiso are running a couple of Discount Evenings for MCoS member clubs. These will be at the stores in Dundee on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Glasgow Outdoor Experience on April 28<sup>th</sup>. For further information go to: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/discounts-shorttermoffers.asp>

## Reciprocal Rights Card for Alpine Huts

For those wishing to purchase a Reciprocal Rights Card for obtaining discounts at alpine huts please check out the following page on our website: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/discounts-reciprocalrightscard.asp>

## From the Clubs Director's Keyboard – February 2010

The **Club Research Questionnaire** is now with you. To date there has been a 10% response rate. The cut off date is the end of March; however it is easier for me to process the returns if they arrive in small batches. So please

do not all wait until the deadline! The returns so far are revealing valuable information on our clubs and it all becomes statistically more valid as the response rate increases.

I was in the office recently and saw how the new **Membership Database** is taking shape. It is going to deliver real benefits in managing and servicing you. Club members now have an MCoFS membership number. So for the first time we will be able to issue club members with membership cards. This will enable you to enjoy services and benefits which up to now have only been available to individual members. However, this will take time and you will be unlikely to see these until next spring.

Planning for the **Club Seminar** at the Gathering in Aviemore in September is progressing. I have recently issued a draft programme to the Clubs Advisory Group for comment and suggestions.

Ron Payne  
Director Club Affairs and Development

### **Two more Chicks courses**

We recently advertised two ladies only GPS courses to be run by MCoFS Mountain Safety Adviser Heather Morning and Rosie Goolden of Chicks Unleashed. These two courses have turned out to be so popular they have already become fully booked, so Heather and Rosie are going to run two more the following weekend. The additional one-day courses will be held at Glenmore Lodge on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The cost will be £25. Further details can be found at: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/chicks-gps.asp>.

Please note there will be a further 4 GPS courses at Glenmore Lodge in October for male and female participants. For further details of these courses go to: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/navigation-courses-gps.asp>.

### **Clubs that welcome ex-members of Student Clubs**

A couple of months ago in News4Clubs we asked you to get in touch with us if your club would welcome new members who are leaving university or college and therefore leaving a student club. So far, we have had 15 clubs respond to this request. By the time the current crop of final year students are preparing to leave university or college in May we would like to list the clubs that would welcome new members on our website, so if there are any clubs that haven't responded yet, but who would like to appear on this list then please send an e-mail to [mike@mcofs.org.uk](mailto:mike@mcofs.org.uk).

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