

# News 4 Clubs



# News 4 Clubs

**News 4 Clubs Bulletin Number 11**

**14 May 2010**

## **Join the MCoS Members' Annual Meet: Glenmore Lodge, 4 September 2010**

You can't get much for free these days, however the MCoS wants to change all that and our Annual Meet offers your members a great day out with loads of free events on offer to suit all ages and abilities.

If staying overnight, there are low-cost accommodation and food options to suit everyone's budget. **Please make sure your members are aware of this fun and free event.** [Click here for full details.](#)

## **General Meetings 4 September 2010 – Communication Timetable**

In the April 2010 edition of News4Clubs, we gave advance notice of this year's Extraordinary and Annual General Meetings, being held at Glenmore Lodge on Saturday 4 September.

We will be publishing information concerning general meetings in News4Clubs, in Scottish Mountaineer, and on [the MCoS website](#).

Members must notify any motions or resolutions on topics outwith the standard business of the AGM to the Company Secretary by no later than 25 June 2010 for these to be competent business.

We will publish motions and resolutions in News4Clubs on 28 June 2010, and simultaneously on the MCoS website. The final date for receipt of any counter proposals to the resolution to be put to the EGM is 6 August 2010.

The final date for receipt of nominations of directors is 6 August 2010. Nominations, details concerning voting procedures, and any counter proposals to the resolution to be put to the EGM, will be published on the MCoFS website and in News4Clubs on 9 August 2010.

We will publish Information concerning motions and resolutions, and the Annual Report and Accounts 2009-2010, in Scottish Mountaineer, which will be posted to all members on 12 August 2010. The Annual Report and Accounts will also be published on the website at <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/annual-report.asp> on 12 August 2010.

Please address any communications concerning General Meetings to David Gibson, Company Secretary, MCoFS, The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP.

### **Club Forum and Seminar 4 September 2010 – Glenmore Lodge**

All members of clubs are welcome to participate in the Club Forum and Seminar which will be held in the Common Room at Glenmore Lodge, during the Annual Meet on 4 September 2010.

The programme, which may be subject to change of order, is as follows:

- 10.30 Welcome and introduction: Ron Payne, MCoFS Director for Clubs, followed by a progress report concerning the work of the Clubs Advisory Group
- 10.45 Presentation & Discussion: Clubs and MCoFS, followed by open forum: with David Gibson
- 12.15 Data Protection & Membership Database update: David Gibson
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.00 Promoting your club: with Richard Johnson, Black Rock MC
- 14.00 Young people and mountaineering – Moderate or VS? with David Gibson
- 14.30 Civil Liability Insurance Q&A with Andy Goulbourne, Perkins Slade
- 15.00 Life Insurance for Climbers – fallacy or reality? with David Hallam, Summit Financial Services

Followed by closing remarks then Tea / Coffee & Cake at 15.30

### **Rosie Goolden joins the MCoFS Board**

We are pleased to announce that Rosie Goolden MIC has been co-opted to the MCoFS Board. Rosie is a well-known figure in Scottish mountaineering, and has been active in the outdoors since her first kayaking trip at the age of

14. She started rock climbing at 15 and completed her MIC at 22. In 2004 Rosie set up her first weekend Winter Seminar for women and shortly afterwards established her successful outdoor activities business 'Chicks Unleashed'.

Rosie's appointment as Director for Mountain Safety and Training follows the recent resignation of Graeme Morrison. She will chair the MCofS Mountain Safety Advisory Group and the Scottish Mountain Safety Forum, and represent MCofS on the MLTS and MLTUK Boards.

Rosie says 'I have always been extremely passionate and energetic in my pursuit of people's confidence and competence in the mountain environment. One of the criteria, or so I believe, is happiness and a good trigger for that is fun. I am delighted and inspired to be part of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland, and feel I have reached a time and level of experience where I will be able to contribute a great deal.'

#### **From the Clubs Director's Keyboard**

Well my ski trip was interesting. I travelled out suffering from food poisoning, isn't Imodium wonderful! Then at the start of day one I fell on the ice at the front door and bruised my ribs. And the skiing was interesting, thanks to the cold winter, the snow being soft and often bottomless, so falling over was easy to do and getting back up rather more difficult. And spring has continued cool. Maybe by good fortune and picking the right place at the right time I have managed some good outings in recent weeks.

My plea for clubs to respond to the **Club Research Questionnaire** did not fall on deaf ears and I received a burst of questionnaires at the end of March. I have completed the analysis and hope to write up the results in time for the next News4Clubs and the August edition of Scottish Mountaineer.

#### **Club Forum and Seminar**

The details have now been finalised and are given elsewhere in this News4Clubs.

The issue of the club capitation rate has been discussed in the **Clubs Advisory Group**. The Board will shortly be issuing a letter to all clubs to clarify the situation.

Ron Payne  
Director Club Affairs and Development

#### **Scottish Avalanche Information Service Survey**

The Scottish Avalanche Information Service (SAIS) would appreciate the assistance of climbers, walkers and skiers from around Scotland. The SAIS aims to provide a service that gives the best possible mountain and snowpack information to mountain users, enabling them to enjoy the Scottish winter mountain environment with greater knowledge and awareness of the avalanche hazard. In order to obtain your views about their work the SAIS

has produced an online survey. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to [complete this survey](#).

### **Mountain Article and Photographic Competitions**

Could we remind club members about the MCofS Mountain Article Competition and Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival Photographic Competition. Closing date for both is 31 July. The winning entries for both competitions are announced at the Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival in October. [Further details here](#).

### **Train the Trainer Weekend Course for Members of Clubs**

Weekend of 14 – 15 August.

This course is aimed at providing club members with training in teaching navigation skills to others, party management, route choice on broken and steep ground and what to do in the event of an incident.

The course is free of charge and one place will be available to clubs on a first come first served basis. Further details on the [MCofS website](#).

### **Club Child Protection Officer Training**

Child Protection in Sport has just announced dates and locations across Scotland for the coming year for their course 'In Safe Hands - Club Child Protection Officer Training'. This 3 hour workshop supports clubs to put child protection policies in to practice. It is most suitable for those acting as the Club Child Protection Officer but is also relevant for those responsible for managing or organising the club. For a list of dates [please click here](#).

### **MCofS First International Meet – Ice Climbing in Norway Winter 2011**

Sunday 16 January – Friday 21 January 2011

Interested in learning how to climb ice safely and efficiently?  
Never had the opportunity in Scotland?

This could be the perfect opportunity for you. The MCofS is proud to announce their first international ice climbing training week to be held in Rjukan, Norway. We are offering a 5 day training course, staffed by experienced and professional instructors. [Click here for further details](#), or contact Heather Morning at [msa\\_mcofs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:msa_mcofs@hotmail.co.uk) or on 01479 861241.

### **MCofS Mountain Leader Training Course for Members of Clubs**

Mon 13 September – Sat 18 September (6 day course).

The MCofS is offering members of clubs the opportunity to participate in a Summer Mountain Leader Training Course at Glenmore Lodge at a special discounted rate. We have been able to reduce the price from the normal cost of £470 down to £320. This includes a £50 discount from Glenmore Lodge and a £100 grant from the Mountain Safety Trust. The training course is run on a 1:6 ratio and there are a maximum of 12 places available. Further details on [our website](#).

### **Myclublink.com**

Myclublink.com is a new social networking site designed for clubs to help increase participation and grow membership numbers. It is completely free to

use and there are communication and administrative tools that allow for total event and member management as well as payment facilities. Their website is at: [www.myclublink.com/getinvolved](http://www.myclublink.com/getinvolved).

### **News4Clubs in June**

We usually aim to produce News4Clubs in the middle of the month, but because of the date when we are required to publish motions for the EGM and AGM the next edition will come out on Monday 28 June.

Mike Dales  
Membership Development Officer