

Alpine Club Notes

Meetings of the Alpine Club 1974

29 January	Greenland—Frank Jackson
13 February	Education in the Hills. A film from Prescott College and slides of expeditions therefrom—Rusty Baillie and Roy Smith.
5 March	Summits and Secrets—Kurt Diemberger
26 March	Climbing in the Apennines—Alan Heppenstall
9 April	The Army Mountaineering Association expedition to Kulu (Part 1)—Capt M. H. W. Day
23 April	The Yeti phenomenon, more plain tales from the hills—Charles Allen.
7 May	The Club considered and voted upon resolutions which were designed to create a class of Aspirant member and to secure the admission of women. Both resolutions were passed by majorities considerably in excess of two-thirds.
17 September	Dhaulagiri IV—Geoff Tabbner
1 October	The Army Mountaineering Association expedition to Kulu (Part 2)—Major J. W. Fleming
29 October	'Climb when you're ready' (a television film)—Wynford Vaughan-Thomas
12 November	The American Dhaulagiri 1 expedition—Dr I. D. Rennie
26 November	Reminiscences from a climbing shop—Robert Lawrie
9 December	Annual General Meeting; Changabang—Chris Bonington and Martin Boysen.
10 December	Annual Dinner

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Obituary We regret to record the deaths of our members Sir G. W. Anson (1946), The Rt Hon Sir John Beaumont (1902), D. C. Bull (1956), I. G. Charleson (1950), Sir Gavin de Beer (1941), D. Knowles (1967), Sir Arnold Lunn (1937), J. A. Marsden-Neye (1940), A. Potter (1938), G. Starkey (1933), C. H. Taylor (1964). See also p 295.¹

¹ Where no obituary notice is included, the notice will, wherever possible, appear in the next Journal.

Membership of the Alpine Club

At a General Meeting held on 7 May 1974 the Club decided to permit women to join as members on the same terms as men. At the same meeting the Committee was empowered to get under way a plan to admit Aspirant Members, and the Rules in both cases were altered accordingly. New members are welcome. All correspondence on membership should be addressed to Frank Solari, Oakside, Duffield Lane, Stoke Poges, Bucks. The notes given below are intended as a guide to those seeking election to the Club.

Aspirant Membership

- 1 Aspirant membership has been introduced to encourage mountaineers with only a modicum of Alpine experience and without acquaintances in the Alpine Club to become members. Aspirants are expected to apply for Full Membership within five years of their acceptance. Aspirants enjoy almost all the material facilities extended to Full Members, including concessionary rights in many alpine huts.
- 2 Candidates for Aspirant Membership must show an experience of and enthusiasm for the mountains so that they may reasonably be expected to qualify for Full Membership in due course. There is no arbitrary age limit.
- 3 Candidates will ordinarily be expected to have at least one season's experience in the Alps or similar ranges.
- 4 Candidates must be proposed and seconded by approved persons. Either the proposer or the seconder **MUST** be a Full Member of the Alpine Club. Candidates who are unacquainted with any Alpine Club member will be put in touch with one on request. The proposer or seconder, **BUT NOT BOTH**, may be an Officer of a B.M.C. or M.C. of S. Club. Other proposers and seconders will not be approved.

Full Membership

- 1 Candidates for Full Membership must be proposed and seconded by Full Members of the Alpine Club and must have attained the age of 21 years.
- 2 The ordinary qualification for Full Membership of the Alpine Club is that the candidate is a competent alpine mountaineer who shows a continuing interest in mountaineering.
- 3 To show this, candidates are usually expected to have a record including a minimum of twenty respectable alpine peaks spread over not less than three seasons. Experience gained in other greater ranges is also accepted. The Committee who consider the qualifications of every candidate tend to take into account not only the nature of routes and peaks declared but also whether the party was guided, the conditions under which the routes were climbed, whether the ascents were done wholly or partly on ski, and whether they included bivouacs.
- 4 The Committee appreciate that occasionally a candidate will be qualified although unable to declare the desired number of ascents, as for example where he has climbed a few major climbs and failed on several more at times when he might have been able to effect ascents of lesser routes.
- 5 The Committee will also consider candidates who, in their view, although not rendered eligible by the above criteria, have given or are giving, particular service to the Club or to mountaineering, or have made contributions to mountain literature, science or art.
- 6 The Committee is not inflexible in its approach. It may, for example, take account of the criteria in both paragraphs 2 and 4 where a candidate does not qualify solely under either. It is, however, dependent upon the information submitted by candidates and their proposers.